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Preface.

THIS book is a continuation of the XIXth Volume of the Somerset Record Society. It consists of full abstracts of Wills at Somerset House, from 1531 to 1558, from the following registers:—

1531–33 Thower.	1550 Coode.
1536–40 Crumwell.	1551 Bucke.
1533–36 Hogen.	1552 Powell.
1537–39 Dyngeley.	1553–54 Tashe.
1540–41 Alenger.	1554–56 More.
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1544–45 Pynnyng.	1557 Wrastley.
1546–47 Alen.	1558 Noodes.
1548–49 Populwell.	1558–59 Welles.

It has been found more convenient to give the notes at the end of the volume instead of in the form of footnotes. Incidentally the wills throw great light upon many things about which it would be difficult to find information elsewhere.

They show, for instance, that leprosy was fairly common in our county at this date. There were at least two colonies of lepers in Somerset, one near Langport, and the hospital of St. Margaret, near Taunton. It appears that the Langport hospital was at Westover (p. 111), midway between that town and the parish of Curry Rivel.

In going through the VIth volume of Papal Registers, the

Editor found the following interesting account relating to this hospital :—

1412
5 Kal. April,
St. Peter's Rome.

To the Bishop of Wells—Mandate to license the lepers, poor, and infirm of the house situate within the bounds of the parish church of Curry Rivel and the town of Lamport in his diocese—which house is distant an English mile from the said church, on account of which distance it is at times inconvenient to carry bodies thither for burial, according to custom, so that, burial being delayed, on account of the smell men are seldom found willing to carry such bodies,—to have at their chapel of St. Mary Magdalen a cemetery of their own blessed by any catholic bishop in communion with the Apostolic see.

[Papal Registers, VI, 245.]

Besides leprosy, plague and pestilence were terribly rife. On May 19, 1538, William Kyppynge of Buckland Dynham, leaves the residue of his goods to his wife Jone, with this proviso, that "if she departe of this plague now," then his friend Edward Whytt shall have the charge of his children, and there is another reference to the pestilence at p. 21.

These plagues began in 1529 with the "Sweating Sickness," and culminated in the great plague of 1563, which broke out among the English soldiers closely besieged in Havre by the French. The town was delivered up July 20, 1563, the infected garrison immediately returned and brought the plague to this country.—(See Peacock's *Church Furniture*, p. 61*n.*)

On March 25, 1540, Alice Pycke, of Glastonbury, leaves 3*s.* 4*d.* "to the four principal lights" in St. John's church there.

I assume that these four lights were :

1. Light before the high altar.
2. Light before B.V.M.
3. Rood light.
4. Dead light.

The last light has many names—lumen Animarum, lumen defunctorum, and "alsolen" light (see *S.R.S.*, XIX, xxii, xxiii).

That these are the four lights meant is borne out by the following quotation from Mr. Hart's *Ecclesiastical Records* (1st Edn., 1836, p. 221).

> "In Ireland in the fifteenth century there were at least three images in every church, the Virgin Mary, the Crucifix and the Patron Saint."

On April 8th, 1548, we have the first mention

> "of the common box of the church of ——— for the relief of the poor" (p. 99.)

Edward VI., through his uncle the Duke of Somerset, early in the first year of his reign (1547), issued Injunctions to the clergy and others. These "Injunctions given by the most excellent prince Edward VI. by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth under Christ of the church of England and Ireland the supreme head. To all and singular his loving subjects, as well of the clergy as of the laity," are to be found at the beginning of *Wilkins's Concilia*, Vol. IV, though, oddly enough, the exact date is not there given.

After ordering the destruction of images, the Injunctions proceed (p. 7):—

> Also they shall provide and have within three months after this visitation a strong chest, with a hole in the upper part thereof to be provided at the cost and charge of the parish, having three keys, whereof one shall remain in the custody of the parson, vicar or curate, and the other two in the custody of the churchwardens . . . which chest you shall set and fasten near unto the high altar, to the intent the parishioners should put into it their oblation and alms for their poor neighbours; and the parson shall from time to time exhort them to give to the said chest, declaring unto them that whereas heretofore they have been diligent to bestow much substance otherwise than God commanded upon pardons, pilgrimages, trentalls, decking of images, offering of

candles, giving to friers and upon other like blind devotions, they ought at this time to be much more ready to help the poor and needy, etc., etc.

We have seen that this chest was established at Langford Budville by April 8, 1548 (p. 99), and in succeeding wills during Edward's reign there are constant references to it. The word "chest" does not seem to have been much used in Somerset; it is alluded to under the following names :—

Almes coffer, 115.
Church box, 121.
Common box, 99, 149.
Common coffer, 100.
Poor men's box, 101, 105, 110, 113, 119, 122, 131, 134 (*bis*), 140, 150, 152, 180.
Poor men's coffer, 115.

Edward VI. died July 6, 1553, after which we do not hear of the poor men's box during Mary's reign.

The following table may be headed :—

Monastic Spoil.

It gives a list of parsonages or vicarages which formerly belonged to the dissolved monasteries, the monastery being given in brackets :—

Baltonsborough (Glastonbury), 81.
Bridgwater (St. John's Priory), 181.
Butleigh (Glastonbury), 81.
Charlton Queen (Keynsham), 91.
Donington (Buckland), 181.
Dunster (Dunster), 212.
Durleigh (St. John's Priory, Bridgwater), 181.
Kilmersdon (Buckland), 181.
Kilton (Bath), 212.
Kingston (Taunton), 68.

Kyrton* (Buckland,) 181.
Midsomer Norton (Merton), 32.
Minehead (Bruton), 212.
N. Petherton (Buckland), 181.
S. Petherton (Bruton), 95.
Shepton Montague (Bruton), 87.

Other spoil will be found in the Index Rerum under the heading "Dissolved Monasteries."

I have to acknowledge an error into which I fell in the very first page of the last volume of wills (*S.R.S.* XIX, 1).

The Mompesson family were not of Bathampton, *Somerset*, but of Great and Little Bathampton, in the parish of Steeple Langford, Wilts.

Two pedigrees of the family will be found at pages 60 and 96 of the Visitation of Wiltshire in 1623, edited by my friend the late Dr. G. W. Marshall.

In conclusion, I beg to thank all those who have kindly helped me with the notes, and especially Mr. Falconer Madan, F.S.A., of the Bodleian Library, who has always most courteously replied to my very numerous queries, and has given me on divers occasions most valuable help; my best thanks are also due to my old friend Canon C. H. Mayo, and to my nephew J. R. H. Weaver, who has often examined books for me at the British Museum, and elsewhere.

F. W. WEAVER.

MILTON-CLEVEDON VICARAGE,
October, 1905.

* Kyrton in Holland, Lincolnshire. Dugdale says, "Kirton in Somersetshire"! (*See* his account of Buckland Priory.) *Monasticon*, vi. 672. Donington is also in Lincolnshire.

SOMERSET WILLS.

1410. JOHN PAKENHAM.

[23 MARCHE.]

February 20th, 1410. John Pakenham vicar in the cathedral church of Wells; my body to holy grave, to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the church of Loxton, one pair of vestments of Bordelsaunder, one silver chalice, gilt inside, one missal, one antiphonar *notat'*, one surplice, and one pair of corporals; to the church of Esthempstede where I was formerly rector, one breviary *notat'*, one ordinal, one surplice of the better sort; to Alice Rabas, one bed of divers blue colours with birds with testor, celer and curtens of the same colour, one pair of better sheets of Wylton cloth, two blankets, one better quylte, one matras, two better cushions, one maser bound with silver, gilt, with one morse in the bottom, six silver spoons of the better sort, one blue gown furred with crysty-grey, and one girdle silver gilt which I had of the gift of John Bockyng; to Sir William Calfe, succentor, one brazen morter with pistall and with one sarge for the same, one maser bound with silver, gilt, which I had of the gift of Richard Legge; to Sir John, abbot of Muchelnegh, 6*s.* 8*d.* and to each monk of the same monastery professed 12*d.* to be paid from the last payment of my stall of Ilmyster; to John Alfrede, one small breviary, if he is consecrated to the order of priest within a year after my death, otherwise I leave the said breviary to the house of Edyndon. To Adam, my servant one bed at Loxton, namely, one coverlet of blue worsted with tester

"*de card*," another small coverlet of divers colours, one cushion, three sheets, two blankets, one canvas, one brass pot, one possenet, one dish, one tripod, one iron furnace; to Sir John Milward, chaplain there, one blue coverlet, two sheets, "*iiij pulvinaria vocat' quyssons.*" To Master Alexander Pakenham one book called *magist' histor'*, one silver chalice entirely gilt, one book called *Omelias Greg' pape.* To Sir Walter Mone one basilard. To Sir John Mastey a small piece of silver with a cover, one book called *Legenda aurea;* to Cristina Bugworth one maser bound with silver, gilt, without a morse in the bottom; to the fabric of the church of Loxton one lead furnace and one round leaden vessel weighing 60 lbs.

To the rector my successor and to his successors, one small furnace, four forms, three stools, three tables, one chest with a lock and all my timber.

Residue: to be disposed by my executors to pray for my soul and my parents' souls.

Executors: Sir Walter Mone and Sir John Mastey. Dated at Wells.

Proved May 6th, 1411.

[John Bockyng and John Gamelyn, chaplains and vicars of the cathedral church of Wells, are mentioned in the probate clause.]

1487. RICHARD WORTHYNGTON.

[5 MILLES.]

August 24th, 1487. Richard Worthington, provost and canon residentiary of the cathedral church of Wells. My body to ecclesiastical burial. To the prebendal church of Wylvescomb, 20*s.* To the church of St. Cuthbert of Wells, 13*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Est Brent, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Robert Staple my servant, 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Tarelton my servant, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Mersshall, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Walter Huett my servant, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Barbor, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Pelly, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas Bethom, 6*s.* 8*d.* The residue to the venerable man Master Thomas Overay, precentor of the cathedral church of Wells, Master Robert Pemberton, bachelor in decrees and to Robert Worthyngton my brother, my executors.

Proved February 4th, 1487.

1522. WILLIAM COUSYN.

[5 THOWER.]

In our Lady day of Marche 13 Henry VIII. I Wyllyam Cousyn, deane of Wells; ffirste I bequethe my soule to God and to be buried in the church of St. Andrews at Wells before Our Lady or Saint John Evangeliste in some part of the churche and my brother Robert Cousyn to be my executor and to bury me as he shall thinke best; twenty poore men havyng torchis and to have 8*d.* a peace for their labour and every minister of the churche to have for their labour for all maner of service 5*s.* a peace, and £10 among poor folke at the day of my burying and no monythes mynd but that that shalbe doon within 15 dayes at the whiche season every minister to have in like wise as at my burying and all my other goods I will be dispoase at his owne mynde charging with nothing otherwise save to Richard Baker £40 for his fathers, the which is a £100, but his goodes will not come but to £40 and nother that for other charges that I have byn at and that wrongfully, and it is to the Archdeacon I have wrytten in a bill my mynde. I have been much at cost for my lorde of Bathe and have buryed my lord of Bathe at my owne charge and could never come to any of my lordes goodes tyll the Archdeacon was disceased, I bere all the charge and the Archedeacon was possessed of the goodes: as touching dilapidacion I ought to pay noon on my conscience for I had noon and yet I have meynteigned all charges till this day. In witness whereof I have written this my last will, there being witness Cristofer Gomuldon, priest, and John Godard, vicar of the said churche.

Proved July 10th, 1531.

1524. THOMAS RYDOWTE.

[33 BODFELDE.]

December 20th, 1524. Thomas Rydowte of the parishe of Hengystrige within the dioces of Bathe. My body to be buried within holy grave. To the cathedrall church of Wells, 12*d.* To the high awter of Hengistrige for my tithings forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* and to every light in the same churche 4*d.* To the bretherhed of Our Lady in the same church a kowe and to the maynteynyng of

the store of Saint James there a kowe and to the store of St. Clement, there a kowe. To the store of St. Blase at Kyngton, a kowe. To the churche of Stowre Weston 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Darke parish clerk of Hengistrige, 2*s.* To every of my godchildern beyng alyve 4*d.* To my brother Nicolas, a kowe, to Elizabeth Payne a kowe, to Joane Mone a bullock, and to Kateryn Wolryge a ewe and a lambe. To my eldest sonne my secunde wayn with all things of apparell therto belonging. To my secunde sonne John a bullock and 6 shepe. To my yongest sonne John my best wayn with all things of apparel therto belonging and to the same John £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To my sonne Richard a bullock. To my youngest daughter Johane 66*s.* 8*d.* The residue to Isabell my wife, executrix. Witnesses: Sir John Bucket curat there, John Wolrige and John Darke.

Proved May 10th, 1525.

1528. RICHARD WOLLMAN.

[9 DYNGELEY.]

June 19th, 20 Hen. VIII. Richard Wollman priest. To be buried in the cloyster of S. Stephen in Westmynster. To every canon, vicar and quyrester of the said college at my dirige and masse 40*d.* I will 24 poore and innocent children lernid of good fasshon bere 24 torches abowte my herse, every child to have a surples of good lockeram which surples shall be lefte to the College of S. Stephen for the queresters there. To each child 6*s.* 8*d.* to say dirige, or if he cannot, to say "De profundis," abowte my herse. I will there be no other herse of wex abowte me but 2 tapers upon my herse and the 24 torchettes. Among chanons, vicars and choristers at my months mind at S. Stephen's, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To every prisone in London, viz., Newgate, Ludgate, the Benche and the Marshallse, 20*s.*, praying those that be therein to say Dirige, or if they cannot "De profundis," or if they cannot say "De profundis," to say of their charytie such devotion as God shall put in their mynde. I will a priest sing for seven years at Cambridge in the church of St. Edwarde at the awter of Our Lady where my mother is buried, having 10 marcs yearly; the money for his contentacion to be putt in a hutche in the unyversitie Chappell. To the cathedral

churches of Paules in London and of Wells £4 to each for a dirige and masse with distribution as abovesaid. To the poor of each of my parishes £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Vawdey and Annes his wife and each of my servants a black gowne price 4*s.* the yerde. To the said Agnes a silver salte, my nest of goblets of silver and £20. To John her son a silver cup which the King did give me and £20 to his finding to scole. To William Jennyng my servant a horsse, saddell and bridle etc. To Mr. William Knight the king's secretary my basin and ewer with the steire gilt in the bottom and a ring with a little diamond pointed. To Mr. Doctor Dokke my ring with a safire made in Fraunce. To Mr. Doctor Capon my ring with Turkes and the ring with an emerode of his which I have. To the Abbey of Walden silver plate etc. desiring the religious fathers there to pray for me. To the Abbot and Convent of the same £40 for a yearly dirige and masse, the said Abbot being present to have 6*s.* 8*d.*, every monk 20*d.*, every deakon 16*d.* every subdeacon 12*d.*, every novice [blank], so that they say dirige yearly two and two togethers or separally, for my soule. To Mr. Doctor Bennett chanon of S. Stephen's a ring with a diamond called a Ribben. To the mayden child the which Agnes Vaudy hath borne whos name I do not know, £10. To my god daughter Androw Smyth's daughter £6 6*s.* 8*d.* to her marriage. To W. Marchaunte childe to Mr. Secretary £6 6*s.* 8*d.* To the children in the gramer scole of Paules at London 40*s.* to say "Dirige" or "De profundis" in the cathedral church of Paules, and for better ordre I desire the master to be there, to whom 6*s.* 8*d.* and to the ussher 3*s.* 4*d.* To the children in the gramer scole at Eton 40*s.* in like manner and the master 3*s.* 4*d.* And as there shall not be in the College by the Provest and his fellows a dirige and masse for me, I desire the vice-proveste or any other fellow of the College being a priest to be present at the said dirige and do suffrages among the children and singe the masse on the morowe, having 6*s.* 8*d.* I bequeath 40*s.* to Walden, 13*s.* 4*d.* among the quere for a dirige and masse, 13*s.* 4*d.* among the children of the same scole present and 13*s.* 4*d.* for almes among my poor parissheners there. To the said Abbey of Walden my gown of velvet, and velvet for vestments for deakyn and subdeakyn wherene my dirige and masse shall be sung. To the College

of S. Stephen's in Westmyster £40 to buy a suit of vestments for preste, deakyn and subdeakyn. To the parish church of Walden 40 marks for the same. To Edmond Turnar my scoller at Cambridge £10 toward his exhibicion. To the marriage of honest maidens £20. Among poor scollers in Oxford and Cambridge £20, no scoller that is fellow in any college to be partaker. I bequeath £20 among poor widows to here a masse the next day after they be paid and to say 5 pater nosters, 5 aves, and a Crede before the beginning of the masse and in the masse time the salter of Our Lady. To the parish church of Claivering [Essex] where I was borne and where my father is buried whose soule Jhus pardon, a vestment price £10 and 13*s.* 4*d.* for a dirige and masse among the ministers of the quere and four nobles in alms.

To every parish church that I have viz., Walden, Hagmersham, Kinghm̃, to Saint Cuthbert's in Wells, to my parish church of Mells, to Chetilhampton, a vestment price £10. My cousin Annes Wolman now wife of John Wady to have half my household stuff. Residue, to my executor Mr. Doctor Knight Secretary to the King.

Proved September 20th, 1537.

1529. JOHN MADLEY.[1]

[21 THOWER.]

December 20th, 1529. John Madley to be buried in the church of All Saints of Noney. Church of Noney 6*s.* 8*d.*; poor of the same town 40*s.* Prior and Convent of Weytham 40*s.* Brotherhood of Corscombe 20*s.*

Residue: Roger Madley my son (executor).

Witnesses: Sir Richard Basyng rector of the church of Noney, Thomas Hymerford, Thomas Raglande.

Proved November 29th, 1532.

1530. THOMAS ROGER.

[18 THOWER.]

June 25th, 1530. Thomas Roger, clerke, parsonne of Ulcombe in Kent, revoking all manner of bequests (those to Johane

Boorwne except); to be buried without the west doore of the cathedral church of Wells and the bequests that I have given to St. Androwes and St. Cutberts and the aulters in the same and to other places I have paid by my life.

Residue: my brother John Rogers.

Witnesses: Sir John Gentill, Sir Robert Carter, Sir John Hackworthy, Sir John Ryse, Sir John Cornish, John Cole, John Brynscomb, John Appowell, David Edwards.

Proved October 16th, 1533.

1530. JOHN HAKEHAD.

[11 THOWER.]

February 10th, 1530. John Hakehad, canon of the cathedral church of Wells. To be buried within the cathedral church of B.M. of Sarum near the grave of my mother there on the right side. To the cathedral church of Sarum one ring of gold with a gem which is called a safor and 3*s.* 4*d.* To William Vincent and his wife 40*s.* Philipp Vincent 20*s.* Richard Goolde my best doublet of worsted, my collar (*torquetem*) of sarsnett and 6*s.* 8*d.* John Magott my best gown. Master John Baker my purse of velvet; to each of the canons present at my burial 12*d.* To each of the vicars and cantarists 8*d.* To the altarists, choristers, doorkeeper, beadle, sacrist and their servants at the discretion of my executors. To each person carrying me to my burial 4*d.* Spiringe the elder 6*s.* 8*d.* Master Richard Arche canon residenciary in the cathedral church of Sarum all my tenement situated in the New Street of New Sarum between the tenement near the sign of the Crane on the east and the tenement of the scholars "*de valle Sarum*" on the west to provide for my soul, William Vincent and his "modern" wife to dwell in it as long as they live, rent free.

Residue: Mr. Richard Arche (executor.)

Witnesses: Sir Richard Goolde, Thomas Colborne, Thomas Berne, William Cowbridge.

Proved November 13th, 1531.

1531. RICHARD ODAM.

[4 THOWER.]

April 1st, 1531. Richard Odam of Riston [Ruishton] to be buried in tholy grave.

All my goods to Margaret my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Nicholas Basler chaplen, Richard Gungstone and Thomas Gunstone.

Proved June 7th, 1531.

1531. JOHN BRETT.

[5 THOWER.]

April 24th, 1531. John Brett, esquire, of Southpetherton to be buried in the aisle of St. Salvator of Pederton aforesaid; to the vicar of Petherton for my tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Stephen Forest curate of Petherton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the vicar of Winsam 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Robert Coyle curate of Axmister [3*s.* 4*d.*]. To Leonard Evert 12*d.*, parish church of Axmyster one cow, parish church of Petherton one cow. Joan Betty wife of Richard Betty two cows and one bed with a white coverlet. To John Coxston *generosus* one mare, a black colt. To John Betty son of Richard Betty one cow and one heifer. To Richard Betty, senior, two calves. To Richard Chamberleyne one cow and one heifer and one mare. To each of my godsons 8*d.* To Sir Henry Daubeney, Kt., £10. To Alexander Evert one grey gown furred. John Walrond 200 sheep being in Whitestaunton and eight oxen feeding in Whitestaunton with the plough and all its appurtenances, and all utensils being in my capital mansion in Whitestaunton, and the half part of my sheep animals and beasts of burden feeding in my park of Wycroft; to the same John Walrond and to Joan wife of Richard Betty all the utensils in my manor of Wicroft. To Thomas Raw my servant one horse. To Alice Betty daughter of Richard Betty one calf. Joan Betty daughter of Richard Betty one calf.

Residue: Isabel my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Thomas Baskett and William Portman, esquires (to each 20*s.*).

Witnesses: Sir Robert Coyle, curate of Axmister, John Coxston, *generosus*, Alexander Evert, Richard Betty.

Dated in Wycroft.

Proved June 23rd, 1531.

1531. RICHARD DRAPER.

[22 THOWER.]

July 15th, 1531. Richard Draper of Haselbare in the county of Somerset. To be buried in the church of Haselbare. Sir William Haccombe vicar of Haselbare for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Haselbare 6*s.* 8*d.* Wells Cathedral 16*d.* Parish church of Middelechynnock 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Trinitie of Crokehorne 6*s.* 8*d.* To the gray freres in Bridgewater to singe a trentall for the welthe of my soule 10*s.* Parish church of Northperet 3*s.* 4*d.* Parish church of Henton St. George 3*s.* 4*d.* Parish church of Haselbare 4 kyne to fynde foure tapers yerely forever to burne in the same church, oon before our lady in the chauncell oon before St. Mighell, oon before St. Rosmi and the other before St. Wolfrygs shryne. Agnes my wife £40, the bed which I lye in with all the apparel thereto belonging, also the bedde which the maids lye in and all things to the same belonging, 6 silver sponys, oon brasse crocke, oon panne, 6 pewter disshes, oon gowne and oon kyrtell which were my first wyfes, oon paire of corall beads gawded with silver. Hugh my sonne the great chest in the parlour, 4 beddys in the great chambre and £20, 6 silver spones, oon pece of silver which spones and pece be deliverid to the same Hughe, 6 oxen wene whelis and thapparell and also 30 hede of rotherbests or else 20 marcs, also my lond in Lydford to him and his heirs for ever. Richard Draper sonne of the said Hugh oon silver spone. Thomas sonne of the said Hugh oon silver spone. Isabell daughter of the said Hugh one silver spone. To every man, woman and child being at my burying penny doole, to every preest present and like soo to be doon at my moneth mynd 8*d.*, foure poure men or women one shirte or smock. I will that my knyll be ronge in the parish of Haselbare the space of oon whole yere every day. To the foresaid Hugh all my brewing fatts, trendells and the Lede. Richard Draper son

of Hugh £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Thomas son of Hugh £3 6*s.* 8*d.* John son of Hugh 33*s.* 4*d.* Isabell doughter of Hugh 33*s.* 4*d.* Parish church of Southperott 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: William my sonne (executor).

Witnesses: Alexander Spragatt, Richard Cole, John Gardener, Richard Whitynogh.

Proved January 25th, 1532.

1531. RICHARD DAVEIS.

[9 THOWER.]

August 8th, 1531. Richard Daveis of the parish of St. John Baptist of Bedmynster, diocese of Bath and Wells. To be buried in the parish churche of Bedmynster. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the highe aulter in Bedmynster church for tithes forgotten 12*d.* To the reparation of Bedmynster church my best cowe. xiij dossin of breade to be distributed and dealid for my soule and all christian soules on the day of my burying and other xiij dossen at the monythes mynde and one dossin off the same to be gyven to the spyttyll house at the bright bowe. Robert Cocks my sonne-in-law my best gowne and my best doublet and to Ellyn his wyfe my doughter halfe a dossyn of silver sponys. Agnes my doughter half a dossyn of silver sponys an oxe and a cowe. Thomas Daves my sonne £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Dorathe my doughter £6 13*s.* 4*d.* if both dye, one part of the money to go to find an honest priest to sing for me for one year at our lady aulter in Bedmynster and the residue to remain to Johane my wife. Thomas my sonne and Dorathy my doughter the three tenements in Bedmynster which I purchased under the chapitre seale of Salisbury during the yeres as yt apperithe by indenture, if both die then to Agnes my doughter and the eldest of her children. I will that the yeres I have in the personage of Bedmynster remayne to Johane my wife. John Brooke my servant a bullock with a heyfer. I will that all the years which I have by the right of John Broke his father in one cloase and pasture called the Cheirte remain to Johane my wife one whole yeare after my decesse and afterward it to remayn to John Broke my servant if John Broke

depart within thage of 20 years then I will the years remayne to the church of St. John Baptist of Bedmynster.

Residue: Johane my wife except a stonding cup of silver with a cover parcell gilte, a salte of silver with a cover parcell gilte, a pott of sylver with a cover which I will be distributed between my two children *i.e.* Thomas and Dorathie.

Overseers: Robert Cocks my sonne-in-law, John Smythe my brother-in-law, the yonger of the name and John Melowes, tanner of Bedmynster.

Witnesses: Sir Mathew Raynford curate of Bedmynster, Sir Thomas Best, preest in Brystowe, Robert Whitecoke, Richard Phillipps of Bedmynster.

Proved October 31st, 1531.

1531. RICHARD GUNNE.

[11 THOWER.]

September 21st, 1531. Richard Gunne parsone of Walcott in the subarbes of Bath, to be buryed in the cathedral church of Bathe. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To Maister Bekington cosynar of Bathe all my bokys that be at Wotton under hege. To the parsone of St. James my gowne unlyned, William Kenley my shorte gowne lyned with buckerham, Richard Gunne, my brother Robert's sonne, 20 marks that resteth in Maister Busshis handes to helpe the same Richard to scole, Dorathie Style my blacke hatt.

Residue: Maister Thomas Keye, William Gunne and Robert Gunne my two brothers (executors).

Witnesses: Thomas Baten, John Whight, Sir William Bloxsam, curate.

Proved November 18th, 1531.

JOAN HOPKINS.

[18 THOWER.]

December 3rd, 1531. Johane Hopkins of Kingesdon in the county of Somerset, wydow. To be buried in the churchyarde of Kingesdon. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Church of Kingesdon, 6*s.* 8*d.*; thouse of ffryers in Ivilchester 4 bushells of wheate.

Residue; Maister John Gilbert parsonne of Kingesdon and Robert Odams to devide oon parte among my children and the other parte for the welthe of my soule and all Christian souls and I make them executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Manstiche my goostly father. Thomas Dayman, and John Walforde *alias* Houper my servants.

Proved October 8th, 1532.

1531. SIR PHILIP FULFORD, KNT.

[13 THOWER.]

Sir Philipp Fulford, knight, to be buried within the parish church of Corymallett before oure ladye in the chaunsell. Cathedrall church of Wells, 6*s.* 8*d.*, church of Corymallett, 20*s.* To the parish churches of Beer, Bechams Hatche, Fyfehed, Abotts Ylle, Sevile [Swell] each 13*s.* 4*d.* Parish church of Sheparton Mallet, 20*s.* To every parish preest that dothe helpe to bring me to my grave 12*d.*, and to the parish priest 16*d.* and also every preest to have as moche more at my monethes mynde and allso at terment at the yere's end. To my nevew Robert Fulford all my interest in my bargens that I have in Shepton Mallet for terme of yeres except my bargeyne at Strete and my bargeyne that I have of Master Robert Martyn the which Symes doth hold, the which I give all my interest to my servant John Wodd, if Robert die then to remayne to my nevew James Fulford, and if he die then it to remayne to Sir Philipp Chamborne and Master Jasper Horsey (executors). I will that a coppy that I have of the parte of the Sheis be delivered to John Roynon. To my nevew James Fulford all my interest in Stoke parke and if he die before the yeres are expired then it to remain to my nevew Bawdewin Fulford and if he die then it remayne to my executors. To every of my servants their hole yere's wages and their lyveries that they have now delivered. To my lorde chief Justice the beste coppe that I have whom I make myn oversear.

I will that there be dealid at my burying and at my monethes mynde and at my terment to poor men £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: to my executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Fitziames, Kt., chief justice of the king's

benche, Sir John Holeway, John Wodd, Sir Philipp Chamburne, Jasper Horsey.

Proved January 20th, 1531.

1532. JAMES HADLEY.

[3 DINGLEY.]

July 2nd, 1532. James Hadley of Withecombe besides Dunster, esquyer. I will that £37 be paid in the King's estcheker at Westminster for my father Richard Hadley whous soule God pardon. For hym to Peter Streche, goldsmyth of Exeter, a mark; for him to Wescombe late his servant, 13*s.* 4*d.*; to Webber of Old Cleve late his servant 6*s.* 8*d.* I woll that £5 be paid of my owne dette to the King's treasour of his chamber, xx marks be paid to the maister of St. Johns in Brigewater by my promys to hym made the daie of my marriage; to the high aulter of the temple, Withecombe, Wembedon, St. Decombe, Wiliton, St. John's at Brigwater, and Hethefeld (each) 5*s.* and to every other aulter in every of the said churches 12*d.* Cathedral church of Wells 5*s.*; to the maister of the temple for tithes forgotten 20*d.*, and to the . . of Withecombe 12*d.*, and to the vicare of Wembedon, 5*s.*, and to every high aulter within the hundreds of Taunton, Carhampton, Williton fremanors and North Petherton 12*d.*, and to every curat of the same as moche. To every secular priest within the diocese of Bath and Wells not beneficed, 12*d.* I will that my wiff cause 3 tapers to be made, one to be set before the Rode, the other before our lady, and the third before the hed seynt of the church where I shall happen to be buried, there to borne in tyme of Goddis service. To the priory of Dunster, 20*s.* To the prior of Barlinche 20*s.* To the Abbey of Clef, 20*s.* To every other house of religion within the said diocese, 20*s.* the abbey of Glaston except to whom I give 40*s.* To the churches of Withecombe, Wiliton, St. Decombe, Hethefeld and Wembedon (each), 6*s.* 8*d.*, to have my name apon the masboks. To my poure tenants of Withecumbe 20*s.* and this quarter's rent; the same to my tenants of Wiliton, Hethefeld; to my tenants in Brigewater and N. Petherton 10*s.* (each). To my tenants of Sydeham, Bower, Slap, Donwere, Baudrip, and Chilton 10*s.* (each place) 40*d.* to my tenants of Batelborow, and 13*s.* 4*d.* to the maintenance of Horsey

chapell. To the reparation of the Reliks being in Withecombe church 40*s.* and to every man servant taking wages his hole yere wages and to every woman taking wages as moche. Bequests to my mother, my brother Sir Henry, my brother George, my brother Sir John at Bruiton, my brother Sir Wm. at Barlinche, and to every of my godchildren. To have a priest to synge for 5 yeres, I will he have out of my lands as before 8 marks by the yere and to singe where my body shall happen to be buryed. An honest prest shall from the daie of my burying singe in Withecombe aforesaid for 15 yeres praying for the soules of my father Richard, my mother Phelep my sowle, James, ffriswide, Ellen and Elizabeth my wiffes and all our chyldren, kynsfolkes and all Christian sowles and after the same 15 yere to the end of the world, as my wife and children executors will answer before God at the dredfull daie of jugement. I give to every howseholder in Dunster, Wachett, Tanton, Brigewater, Lamport, Bruton, Yevelchester and Wells 4*d.* and to every hospitall of lozare and poure people within the shire of Somerset, 12*d.* Presoners of Yevelchester 13*s.* 4*d.*; to the quiete prisoners of Wells, 5*s.*; prisoners in Bristowe, 5*s.* And for as moche as I have beyne negligent to visit holy places and in going of pilgremage, therefore I give and bequeath to Our Blessed Lady of Cleve 5*s.* St. Savior of Porlock 5*d.*, St. Culbone 3*d.*, St. Savior of Tanton, Bradford, and Brigewater, each 5*d.*; to St. Jophe 3*d.*, blessid King Henry of Windsor 3*d.*, Maister John Shorne 3*d.*, Holy blode of Hayles 5*d.*, Our Ladie of Walsingham 3*d.*, St. Thomas of Caunterbury 5*d.*

Elizabeth my wife, sole executor; my eldest and youngest sons to be brought up to the law and they to have in Strond yn every of them 10 marks, or in the ins of court every of them, £10. The lands purchased at Sydenham by me of John Pike be to whom my said wife shall limit so that they shall keep an obit for me in St. John's Brigewater. 40*s.* to Brigewater bridge, £5 for the making of a chapell in the honour of the visitation of B.V.M. and St. Christopher. My monethes mynde to be kept at Wembedon, St. John's Brigewater, at the parish churches of Brigewater, Withecombe, Wiliton St. Decombe's, and Hethefeld, and also my 12 months mynd.

Proved March 26th, 1537.

1532. THOMAS BASSATT.

[21 THOWER.]

November 15th, 1532. Thomas Bassatt to be buried in the church of St. John Baptist of Carhampton. To the same church and for my grave, 20*s.* To the Rode light 12*d.* To our lady light 12*d.* To all sowlys light 12*d.* To St. Christopher and to St. Nicholas 12*d.* Cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* My gostly father, 10*s.* The clerk, 12*d.* I commande my sonne John Bassatt wele and truely to see his mother contented and paid of hir joynture, and also to see his brother Jenkyn, and also to see a preest singing out the yere for his uncle and me.

Residue: Elizabeth my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Henry Chock, vicar there, Hugh Kytt, Thomas Jaye, Thomas Pore, Thomas Wylsdon.

Proved November 28th, 1532.

1532. THOMAS GRIFFITH.

[22 THOWER.]

November 27th, 1532. Thomas Griffith of Yevill, yoman. To be buried in the Savoye church at London, my brother Thomas Griffith to be my sole executor. He to have all my goodes, catall and apparell that I have belonging to myself. Also I will that he have my howse and landes which I bought of Gilys Benet of the same towne and county and the debt that Henry Welfare oweth unto me. I will that my maister Sydenham of Brympton the eldest and the provest of Stoke be my overseers and have the governance of my wife. My cousin Sir Robert Evans to be paid his duetie for his benefice 23*s.* 4*d.*, whereof I had the oversight which money I have paid to Maister Robert Stradlyng.

Witnesses: John Sydenham the yongest, Laurence Pynner, Anthony Wynsford.

Proved December 22nd, 1532.

1532. JOHN KENT.

[2 HOGEN.]

March 4th, 1532. John Kent citizen and alderman of the citie of Bath. To be buried within the parish church of St.

Michaell without the gate. Cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* Parish church of St. Michaell, 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir Wm. Fisher my curate, 20*s.* Wm. Kent my eldest sonne £5. John Kent my sonne 40*s.* Thomas Kent my sonne if he be preest my best greate nutte with the cover, my gown furred with foynes and after the decease of the said Thomas Kent my sonne the said nutte to be delivered to the chastiest and best dispoased personne of my surname. Mathew Kent my sonne £10. My younger sonne Wm. £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Dunstane my son £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to be apprenticed in Bristoll. My servant Robert Watts 20*s.* and my best blue puke gowne furred with blacke. To the convent of Bathe, 20*s.*

Residue: Alice my wife and Thomas my son (executors).

Overseers, my lorde priour of Bathe (to him 40*s.*), and Thomas Luwellyn gent. (20*s.*)

Witnesses: Mr. Wm. Sherwood vicar of the stalls, Sir Wm. Fisher, Thomas Palmer, John Clement.

Proved April 2nd, 1533.

1533. ISABEL HORTE.

[18 HOGEN.]

April 25th, 1533. Isabell Horte wydow of the parish of Yatton; to be buried in the parish church of [blank] Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.*, church of Yatton 10*s.*, chapell of St. James in Yatton 10*s.*, highe aulter of the parish church of Yatton 12*d.*, church of Congyrsburye and Kingston Saymor (each) 3*s.* 4*d.*, for a prist to singe for my soule for one whole yere £6 13*s.* 4*d.*; in alms to be distributed amongst powre people £6 13*s.* 4*d.*; to the mayntenance of the Kynges highe waye betwixte Weere and Axbridge 13*s.* 4*d.*; to the mendynge of the highe waye in pynnocks lane as moche as shall be nedefull: the 4 orders of ffreris in the towne of Bristowe to every house 6*s.* 8*d.*; to Edmounde Nedys, to his wife and children £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Aleyn to his wyffe and children £5; fflowrence Sexten 40*s.*; Isabell Knyghte the daughter of Thomas Knyghte 40*s.*; Johane Barboure daughter of John Barboure 40*s.*, Julyan Knyght daughter of Thomas Knyght 40*s.*, Marye Knyght daughter of Thomas Knyght 40*s.*, Thomas Knyght 40*s.* and a heyfer; Wm. Knyght son of Thomas Knyght £4; John

Knyght son of Walter Knyght £10; Alyce Avery daughter of John Averye 6*s.* 8*d.*; Sir Wm. Noble curate 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Horte 40*s.*; Alyce Horte 40*s.*

Residue: Richard my son (executor).

Overseers: John Wall and Edmund Nedys.

Witnesses: Wm. Sexten, Edmund Nedys, Water Williams, John Averye.

Proved September 9th, 1534.

1533. WILLIAM TEDBURY.

[4 HOGEN.]

April 25th, 1533. William Tedbury to rest within holligrave of Peter and Paul within the Priory of Taunton to the high crosse service in Magdalen 3*s.* 4*d.* to the sepulcre service in Magdalen 3*s.* 4*d.*, Johane Adams my servant £5, Joan Cooper my servant £5, to my lord prior one of my 3 crossebowes which he liste to have. Wm. Vox my beste gowne, Johane Netheway a packe of Dunster mylles combs for to helpe him into his land. I will that there shall be dealid at my burying penny doole come whoso will to pray for my soule. Cathedral church of Wells 6*d.*

Residue: my brother Richard Tedbury and Johane my wife (executors).

My brother Richard shall give to every child of his owne children half a packe of clothes or ells 20 nobles of his own portion.

Witnesses: Maister Wm. Bery, Vicar, Wm. Vox, John Reyney.

Proved June 11th, 1533.

1533. BALDEWIN MALETT.

[4 HOGEN.]

July 12th, 25 Hen. VIII. Baldewyn Malet, Esquire. I will my feoffees of my manor of Westcontokyshed in the county of Somerset shall stand and be seised thereof to the use of me and of Anne my wife, the reversion to Michell Malet my son and his heirs and for lack of heirs to John, Thomas and Adam Malet my sons in order, and for lack of heirs to them to Hughe Malet esquire and his heirs for ever. The reversion of all other my lands in Westcontokyshed to the use of the said Michell, John,

Thomas and Adam and for lack of issue to remain to the heirs of me and of Anne my wife and for lack of such issue to the right heirs of me, forever. I will my feoffees of all my lands in North Petherton and elsewhere in the counties of Somerset and Devon stand and be seised thereof to the use of me and after my decease to the use of Anne my wife, the reversion to the use of the said John, Thomas, Adam and Michell my sons in order and their heirs etc. Also my feoffees of my manor of Swannewich *als.* Sanderwick in the Isle of Purbike co. Dorset to stand and be seised thereof to the use of me and of Anne my wife and I will they make estate of one moytie thereof to the said Thomas, Adam, John and Michell in order etc., and of the other moytie to the said Adam, Thomas, John and Mychell in order and their heirs etc. Also my feoffees of my moytie of the manor of Benstepopham co. Southampton to stand and be seised to the use of me and of Anne, my wife, the reversion to the said John, Thomas, Adam and Mighell in order and their heirs etc. And if either of the said Thomas and Adam be a preeste he shall have his part until he be promoted to a benefice worth £20 by the year after which his title in the above shall be void. To Anne and Elizabeth Malet my daughters 300 marks each to their marriage. I will the revenues of the said premises go to the finding the said John, Thomas and Adam as well in mete and drinke as in lerning at scole. To the parish church where my body shall be buried 20*s.* To the two orders of Freers in Excetor 20*s.* each for a solempne Dirige with a Trentall of Divine masses. To the greye freers of Bridgwater 20*s.* for the same purpose. To the vicar of the parish church of St. Thomas the martir without Exbridge for oblaciouns and pryvyt tithes forgotten 13*s.* 4*d.* Each of my servants to have a quarter's wages. To my clerks, if I fortune to have two at the time of my death, to the longest contynuar of them 20*s.*, to the other 13*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Anne my wife my executrix.

In witness whereof I have subscribed every sheet and scrowe of papir with myne owne hande.

Witnesses: Sir John Willughby, clerk, Sir Thomas Hole, clerk, Robert Hill, Antonny Gilbert, John Slannyng, gentilmen, and John Dyer, servant.

Proved August 9th, 1533.

1533. WILLIAM BENETT.

[14 HOGEN.]

December 12th, 1533. William Benett Doctor of Lawe Civill; to my successor in my benefice of Marnhull for the reparations of the chauncel there 20 marcs. To my successor of my prebende in the cathedral church of Wells called Lytton for the reparations in the howse there £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: my debts to be paid and the rest divided into two parts, one to be bestowed for my soul and that other part to be distributed among my brethren and sustern after the discretion of my uncle Maister John Benet merchant taillor of London (executor).

Overseers: Mr. Dr. Wolman and Mr. Bell to whom I give my two silken bedds.

Witnesses: John Burges, Edward Mowll, Robert Bassall.

Proved May 11th, 1534.

1533. JOHN FITZJAMES.

[18 HOGEN.]

1533. John Fitzjames of Templecombe in the diocese of Bath and Wells, esquire. My body to be buried where it please my executors. To the reparations of the 'wolde warkes' of the cathedral church of St. Andrew in Wells, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the highe aulter for my tithes and offerings forgotten . . . To Elisabeth my wife all my lese for term of yeres which I have of my Lorde of Arundell called Materface farme in the parish of Hill Dovirell co. Wilts and all my lese of one lesure or pasture in the parishe of Hengstriche co. Somersett with all the stocke and cattall uppon the same. To Thomas Wykkes my servant 20*s.* The residue to Elizabeth my wife, my executrix.

Overseers: Sir John Fitz-james knyght and Chife Justice of Inglande and Aldrede Fitz-james, gentilman.

Witnesses: the forsaid Aldred Fitz-james and John Fitz-james junior.

Proved October 26th, 1534.

1533. ANNE WHITING.

[14 Hogen.]

Anne Whiting widow late the wife of John Whiting esquire; to be buried in the parish church of Compton Paunscefote in the Ile before St. Kateryn where my graunt-father and other of myn auncestors lyeth; to the parish church of Kentisbere 6*s.* 8*d.*, and a paire of vestments; to the Ile of St. John where my husband lyeth buried a paire of vestments, to the bretherhede of St. John in Kentisbere to have every year direge and masse to pray for the soul of John Whiting and Anne his wife 3 kyne; to the chauntry of Compton Paunsfote a paire of vestments and my best gowne and best kyrtell to make a paire of vestments. To Sir Robert Brice chauntrye preest of Compton 40*s.*, church of Compton a paire of vestments and 6*s.* 8*d.*, my sister Elizabeth Willughby £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, half a dozen of my best smoks and my best bonet, a frountlet, my doughter Isabel Aysford a casket with Kerchers and my next bonet with the edge of peryll, my brother Robert Willoughby my best crose; to my cosyn John Willoughby the King's chaplyn £10, my doughter Jane Whiting my best chamlet gowne and kirtell and the residue of my smoks and the cupp that Maister Nicholas Fitz-james did geve me. To my doughter Elizabeth my tabulment of golde with thre peryll. All the residue of my apparell to my suster Elizabeth Willughby. To all my servants their quarter's wages and 6*s.* 8*d.* apece.

The residue to my brother Robert Willughby, my executor.

Codicil.

February 3rd, 25 Hen. VIII. To all christian people etc. Anne Whiting, widow, late the wife of John Whiting of Wood, esquire, one of the sisters and heirs to Petir Paunscefoote son and heir to Water Paunscefote, esquire, greeting. That where Hugh Paulet, John Willughby, Robert Chudlegh, esquires, Robert Willughby, and George Willughby, gentilmen, with Humfrey Collȳs and John Caylwaye deceased, jointly in the year 22 Hen. VIII at Westminster before Sir Robert Brudenell, knight, late Chief Justice, recovered against me the manor of Compton Paunscefote with the advowson of the church of

Compton Paunscefote and with the chauntrye in the same church and two mills with the course of the water thereunto belonging running in the said manor and all my lands in Blakeforde and elsewhere in the county of Somerset which were the inheritance of me, by force whereof the said Hugh Paulett, John Willughby, Nicolas Willughby (*sic*), Robert Chudlegh, Robert Willughby, George Willughby with Humfrey Collȳs and John Caylwaye stand seased in their demeane as of fee of the said manor and premises to the use of me, I the said A. W. declare my will concerning them as follows:—My body to be intyred, after it is dede, in a chapel in the said parish church of Compton Paunscefote, wherein my grandfather and other ancestors be buried. I will my brothers John Willughby clerk and Robert Willughby take 100 marks of the issues of the said manor, of which 50 to be bestowed the day of my burial among poor people and for a Trentall and for all other things necessary for a gentilwoman of my estate as well blakes, hersis and light and the rest at my moneth and twelmoneth mynde and two priests to sing daily for me for one year at Compton Paunscefote. I will my brother Robert Willughby shall dwell at my mansion place of Compton Paunscefote for 7 years receiving the profits of the same and of my lands in Blakford. My said brothers to have 40*s*. yearly for five years for the execution of my will after which my said recoverers shall stand and be seised of and in the chief capitall mansion of Compton Paunscefote, with the gardyn and orchards barton and domynycall or demean lands therto belonging and also of the wood there called Holcombe Wood and of Custome mille there being with the course of water, lettes, spryngs, werys and fastenyng of the same and with the advowson of the Chauntrye of the same manor to the use of Humphry Keynys and Mary his wife on condition they dwell there at all tymes except when the pestelence is reynyng. If not my brother Robert Willughby to have the said manor and lands. Also my said recoverers to stand and be seised of and in all the tenantries in Compton Paunscefote, the hyer mille called the Est Mille and all my lands in Blakeford to the use of Agnes Walrond and Isabel Aysford and their heirs provided that if my daughter Jane Whiting marry with the son and heir of Nicolas Fitz-james, then she

shall have her parte as ferforthe as her other two sisters. Likewise if my youngest daughter Elizabeth be married to a gentilman by my assent she shall have her part also as her other sisters. To my brother Robert Willughby 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly for gathering the rents of the above tenantries, with 100*s.* yearly out of the manor of Compton Paunscefote. I will that if my grauntfather or any of my ancestors have ever wrongfully taken away any land in Compton Paunscefote from Water Petwyn or from his father, my heirs shall make restitution thereof to the said Water Petwyn or to his heirs.

Proved May 16th, 1534.

1534. JOHN JOYCE.

[1 DYNGELEY.]

September 30th, 1534. John Jois on deperture on my viage from the Citie of London unto the cities of Tollos and Lioñ in Fraunce. My bodie and my sowle unto Almighty God. To my mother in Taunton £100. To poor householders in London £50, in the town of Coscoñ £25, and in the towne of Taunton £25. To my sister Annys wife of William Horssey, £40. To Margett and Alice her daughters £40 each. To my servant Anthony Manby £10.

Residue: To my master William Willford my executor.

September 26th, 1535. John Jois at my deperting toward Tollos and Bilbo do amytte this my testament to stande in all causes, but that I give to Jone daughter of my suster Annys and William Horssey £40.

Ultima voluntas:—John Jois. To be buried in the church of the Graye Friers in Bilboo and I will that you William Wilford do see all costs paid unto Thomas Hollonde and Henry Grene my overseers.

Item, for discharging of my consyens toward you John, William, Robert and Nycholas Willford I promys you by God I am not in charge to you nor to none of you and for all suche clothis as you sent in haddocke and artor Henry Grene shalbe comptable, and for them that went to the Feir. This ys sufficient now, refering me unto my testament left in London in the powre of my master William Willford. But sens my

comyng from London I have remembrid one doũght that chargith my conssiens, ys, 300 ducketts bitweene Raff Foxly and me but I promys you I stonde in dought of ony trew dett but for so much as my conssiens movethe me, I will my executor see it paid. To my nostis 12 ducketts. To Henry all my wering gere in Bilboo. To Thomas Hollond my ring with my white saveyere and my smale turkis. Also if there lack anything to perform my will I shall desire you my executor in London to lett my stocke ronne foure or fyve yere whereby all things may be well complyed and this I dought not but you wil be so good to do. I will Thomas Hollond my nost and my nostis order my burying with masses for oon yere, and after my deth three trentalls of masses, one in begonia, another in Seynt Jemys and a nother in the graye Friers and my oblacions for three yere after. To the place of Nonnys where Margaret ys 2 ducketts to the bylding of their house. And to this I shall desire you my frends maister Sha and Thomas Hollond and maister Wilford for firme unto the same by cause I am not abull to wright myself. To John Shawe a rubyoner of small Turquis.

Proved January 12th, 1536.

1534. WILLIAM WITHERTON.

[19 PYNNYNG.]

October 26th, 26 Hen. VIII. William Wytherton Vicar of Stoke Gury, diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the chauncelle of the parish church of St. Andrew in Stoke gury. To the same church to be regystred uppon the kalendre booke and prayed for, 13*s.* 4*d.*, a corporas of purple velvett ymbrodered with goolde and an oulde Cope to make qwysshons. To the parish church of Lystocke a pair of vestments of white dammeiske. To the parish church of Mappull Dorram in the diocese of Oxford a paire of vestments of redd satten and I will my executors shall buy cloth to make the albe and ammys. To my two goddaughters Honor daughter of Hugh Wytherton and Mary daughter of Hughe Pytt, six spoons of silver to each. To Sir James Smythe my best gown

lined with satten of Cipres. To Sir John Blackwode my black furred frocke. To Mystres Hobbys a pair of sheets. To Elienor Bocher a pair of sheets. To Isabell Clerke a mantell. To John Clerke a gown lined with tawny worsted, a doublet of worsted and a pair of hose. To the poor people of Stoke Gury inhabiting the borough there 3*s.* 4*d.* To the poor people of Mappull Durram 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Richard of Lystocke 12*d.* To the church of St. Andrew in Wells the moonay that I ought to have of the comyner there. To Sir Thomas of Edestocke my second best tippett. To Master Vicar of Stokelande gaunts my best capp. To Mychael Rocke my woodknyfe.

The residue to my brothers Hugh, John and Richard Wytherton and Agnes Pytt my sister, executors.

Overseers: Mr. Handesley of Mappull Dorram, Sir James Smythe and Michaell Rocke.

Witnesses: Sir John Cowche vicar of Stokeland, Sir James Smythe, Michael Rocke, Michael Jerman.

Proved December 2nd, 1544.

1534. ISABEL CHAUNCELLOR.

[37 HOGEN.]

November 14th, 1534. Isabell Chauncelor, widowe in the citie of Bathe. To be buried in the priory churche of Bathe, in St. Leonard's chapell in the north ile under a stone there all redy by me prepared. I will that my expenses funerall be doon in moost honest maner at the discrecion of my executors. I will that contynually by the space of 25 daies placebo and dirige with masse be said solempnely with the . . . . of Bathe in the parish church of Our Lady within North gate and that all electe and chosen to be at the said dirige and masse by my said executors do receyve for their labours and attendance thereat at the discrecion of my said executors. I will that my said executors fynde and exhibite of my goodes a sufficient able preest to singe and say masse in the said parish church of Our Lady for my soule and for the soule of Thomas Chauncelor some tyme my husband and for the soules of my father and

mother and for all christian souls by the space of 4 years from the day of my buriall next folowing. To the cathedral church of Wells, 20*d.* Everychon of my brother's childre 2*s.* with oon silver spoon. Every of my godchildren 12*d.* Every parishe church in Bath, 3*s.* 4*d.* My cosyn Thomas Decon his wife 10*s.* To my cosyn Wm. Holden 10*s.*, my cosyn Joane Boner 10*s.* To the gilde of St. Kateryn oon paire of briganders with one spilte. Kateryn Hutton a girdell, a pair of beads of corall, a nuutt, a flatt pece, a pylowe, 2 quysshens, and a towell of diaper. To my brother parson of Dodeswell of (*sic*) goblet with a cover. To my brother Sir Gilbert a powder pece silver and gilte. To my brother Thomas Wodeward a goblet. To the house of Henton 10*s.* If my sonne Wm. Chauncelor contynue in good disposicion and sadnesse folowing the good councell of the rest of my said executors that he shall have my tenement lying within the North gate of Bathe in the parish of Our Lady aforesaid for terme of his life fynding yerely an obite in the parish church of Our Lady for my soule and for the said soules of the summe of 6*s.* 8*d.* by yere, and if God send him yssue of his body lawfuly begotten then the said tenement to remain to the said yssue and their heeres for ever. My son also to have my pasture in the parish of Walcote. I will that a doole be made to pour people in the day of my buriall, trigintall and yere's mynde. To my loving cosyn Maister Edmond Boner, Doctor of law, a standyng cupp gilte and the cover with a george. To my lord priour of Bathe shewing kyndnes to my said executors, £4.

Executors: my said son Wm. Chauncelor, my said brothers Sir William and Sir Gilbert and my loving cosyn Maister Doctor Boner, to each 40*s.*

Overseer: Henry Kevell gentilman, maior of Bathe to whom 20*s.*

Witnesses: John Clement, Wm. Byam and Richard Baten of Bathe.

Proved June 13th, 1536.

1535. JOHN BOURCHIER, KNT., LORD FITZWARREN.

[30 ALENGER.]

October 20th, 1535. John Bourghchier, knight, Lord Fitz-Warren. To be buried in the parish church of Baunton, or in the chappell there where my father is buried, in Devon, where I will that one hearse shall be made upon my grave with tapers upon the same to be brennyng at all tymes of devyne servyce and prayeres. I will that on the days of my burial, month mynde and anniversary a Trentall of masses with placebo and dirige and other orysons be done and said ; also that a tombe or stone of marble be sett over my grave in which my picture in lattyn with my armes and cognysaunce the day and yere of my death shalbe graven and fyxed faste, and also that a priste seculer shall say masse there for 20 yeres, hyerid by my lady Elizabeth my wife, John Forde and Rychard Comer. To the Pryor of the Grey Freres of Bridgewater 20*s*., and to every order of fryers in Exeter 20*s*. To the Prior and Friars of Ivelchester 20*s*. To each of the hedd or chife wardynes of the parish churches of Netherstowey, Baunton, and Tawstock for the use of the said churches 20*s*. To my son and heir apparant Sir John Bourchier, knt., all household stuff at Tawstock in the county of Devon with all my harnes, armor, bowes, bylls, gleithis and other weapons defensyve at Netherstowe. To my wyfe all my estate and interest in the manor of Netherstowe co. Somerset which I now hold, which sometime were the inheritance of James Tuchett, knt., sometime Lord Awdeley to me granted by act of Parlyment. To Sir John Fitz-james, knt., Chief Justice £10.

Residue : to lady Elizabeth my wife.

Sir John Fitzjames, knt., and John Forde of Ashberton, my executors

Proved June 20th, 1541.

1535. ANTHONY CHAMPNEY.

[29 HOGEN.]

October 22nd, 1535. Anthonye Champney of the parish of [Frome] in the diocese of Bath and Wells. To be buried in the parish church of Matharne in the diocese of Landaff. To the church of Frome Selwode 10*s*. To the church of Matharne 5*s*.

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

Overseer: John Sergaunt of Matharne.

Witnesses: Sir Phillip Vayne, vicar there, Walter Lewys, gentilman, John Nutte, Richard Barney, Roger Jones, and many other.

Proved November 17th, 1535.

1535. JOHN COOPER.

[34 HOGEN.]

1535. John Cooper senior of Bekington. To be buried in the parish church of Bekington. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d*. One mill situated within the parish of Frome to George Cooper son of John Cooper junior my brother and to the heirs of the said George. To Leonard Hylmon my godson a loom in the house of John Payn; and the other loom in the house of Thomas Baily I leave to William his son. To Thomas Chaffyn my white gown and *bene tatam troviculam meam veterem* and a doublet and my hose and shoes with which I am clad when I walk. Wm. Weler that *indusium* which I now use. To the wife of Richarde Hylmon my furred gown which was my mother's. To Mary daughter of John my brother my girdle of blue fabric with silver *bullis*; to Elizabeth her daughter 6 silver spoons, to Agnes and Philippa her daughters the same. To William my eldest brother £46 6*s*. 8*d*. which sum Master John Turney owes me, to the said William my chest which is at London and its contents, also my new white *togultam velveto undique septam*, one brass pot and one brass pan and my best *camisiam auro contextam*. To the church of Bekington one brass morter; to John Cooper junior my brother one mill called Scuttysmyll within the parish of Rood; to the parish church of

Bekington £3 to be paid for 3 years from the rent of the said mill and after the 3 years two waxlights to be placed on the altar of St. John the Baptist by the owner of the mill and to John Denman 20*s*. out of the profits of the said mill.

Executor: John Cooper, junior, my brother.

Witnesses: John Ashlok, rector, John Born, John Gaster, John Clyrlood.

Proved April 8th, 1536.

1535. WILLIAM MORYCE.

[6 ALENGER.]

1535, William Moryce. My body to be buried where it please God. To Camell church, 40*d*. To my five children half my goods and to Johan my wife the other half, she to be my executrix or if she refuse my son William to be executor. My wife to occupy my fermes during her widowhood, and if she marry the profits to go to my children until my eldest son come to 21 years and then he to have it and in no wise my wife's husband.

Overseers: my uncle Richard Harvy, my brother Henry Moryce, Walter Cary, my brother Rychard Pounsett and William Credy.

Proved May 31st, 1540.

1536. ROGER BLACDEN.

[1 CRUMWELL.]

March 29th, 1536. Roger Blacdon of Hungerford Ferley diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in holy grave. To St. Andrewe church in Wells, 12*d*. To the parish church of Hungerford Freely, 12*d*. To my sons Hugh, Nicolas, Roger and Raaf and my daughters Cristeane, Marye the elder, Alice and Mary the yonger, £10 each. To my wife Agnes my house and after her decease it shall remain to my children in order and their heirs. If they all die it shall remain to the parish church of Ferley Hungerford.

Residue: Agnes my wife, my executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Raafe Hayes, parson of Hungerford Ferleye, Nicolas Flower, John Trewman and John Foxe.

Proved May 18th, 1536.

1536. JOHN BALCHE.

[24 POWELL.]

April 1st, 1536. John Balche of Horton, co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the parish church of Ilemynster. To St. Andrewe's Church in Wells, 12*d.* To the parish church of Ilemynster, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the crosse store of the same church, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Poole for tithes forgotten, 3*s.* 4*d.* To my daughter Anne, besides her purchase with her own goods, £13 6*s.* 8*d.* at her marriage. To my daughters Alice and Agnes, £10 each at their marriage. To my son John at his marriage, £10. To my sons Thomas and Anthonye, £10 each. If any of my elder children die before marriage his or her part to remain to Agnes, Thomas and Anthonye. To my son George Balche, my heir, my baye gelding in Donyett Parke.

The residue to Isabell Balche, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Walys, William Balche.

Proved September 2nd, 1552.

1536. JOHN TRYVET.

[38 HOGEN.]

August 4th, 1536. John Tryvett, priest. My body to be buried in the church of Alhalowes in Oxforth yf the Rector so will. To the mother church of Lincoln, 4*d.* To the mother church of Wells, 12*d.* To the Rector of Lincoln college yf he will feache me to churche and singe masse and dirige, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Sub-rector and to Maister Clerk eche of them so doing, 20*d.* To every felowe of the College there, 12*d.* To the Comyn chest of Lincoln college and of the college of Wells, 20*s.* each. To be bestowed at the daye of my burying £4 and at my moneth mynde the same. To my suster dwelling beside Bathe the bedde which I have in Oxforth and oon gowne and hode lyned with Saten of Sypers with 40*s.* To the parish church of

Butley, 13*s.* 4*d.* To the chapel of Balsborowe, 10*s.* To be distributed among my poor parishioners in almes dedes, 20*s.* To the Vicar of Ashecote my best gowne and hoode lyned with St. Thomas wursted with a dublet of tawnye chamlet, oon worsted cote and 40*s.*, of the whiche 20*s.* I wolde be reserved to his loving frende and myn called Poldñ. To Mr. Robert Colmer my blak velwet dublett and 20*s.* To Agnes Barbour, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Coke of Saint Mary college the secunde course gowne. To Katheryn Hull my warst gowne and 2*s.* To the Convent of Osney for singing masse and dirige, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the students of Glastonbury ——. To Maister Andrews, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Master Atherstone, 20*s.* To Mr. Newet, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Mr. Weston, 5*s.* To Mr. Mark, 5*s.* To William Colmer, junior, all my bruying vessells. To Joane Acowrte, 6*s.* 8*d.* and oon olde gowne new wrought at Thomas Fosters, oon paire of good shetes and oon shurte for hir husbande. To John Barbour oon shurte and 3*s.* 4*d.* The residue to Mr. Robert Colmer and Maister Playsted, executors.

Overseer: Maister William Bowreman, Sub-dean of Wells.

Witnesses: Thomas Massy, Richard Wygmore, Humfrey Wakle.

Proved October 6th, 1536.

1536. THOMAS STYLE.

[2 DYNGELEY.]

August 25th, 1536. Thomas Style, alderman of the city of Bath. My body to be buried in the cathedral church or monastery of Bath. To the mother church of Wells, 4*d.* To Leonard my son the third part of the hangings of my house and of my mylles of Bathewyke by Bath during the life of Agnes my wife, and after her death the whole mylles with the remainder of my ferme at Bathewyke after such manner as I hold the same by lease of the house of Horwell. To Robert my son a cruse of silver and a black gown furred with fox. To John Sachefeld, alderman of Bath, and to Henry Bewshen, gentilman, my overseers, 20*s.* each.

Residue: Agnes, my wife, my executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Gilbert Wodwarde, curate, Jeffrey Francombe, alderman, and William Horsyngton.

Proved February 16th, 1536.

1536. NICHOLAS PROWSE.

[41 HOGEN.]

September 29th, 1536. Nicholas Prowse of Tawnton, merchaunt. To be buried within the church of the Priory of Tawnton and also there to be made brother among them. To my lord prior for tithes forgotten, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the sub-prior, 3*s.* 4*d.* To every chanon being preest, 16*d.*, being noo prest, 12*d.*, to pray for me. Maister Vicar of Magdalen my gostly father, 6*s.* 8*d.*; highe crosse service, 3*s.* 4*d.*; sepulcre service, 3*s.* 4*d.*; church of St. Mary Magdalen, 3*s.* 4*d.*; our lady service of St. James, 6*s.* 8*d.*; service of St. Kateryn in St. James, 20*d.*; cathedral church of Wells, 20*d.*; every suster of mine to pray for me, 6*s.* 8*d.* Anne Horssey wife to Wm. Horssey, 6*s.* 8*d.* John Lappeworthye for his diligence and good labour, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Isabell, my wife.

Overseers: Richard Baker of Milverton, and John Adams of Bawnton.

£10 to the poor to pray for the soul of Edmund Hawkyns and my awnte his wife.

Witnesses: Maister Wm. Bery, vicar of Mary Magdalen, John Soper, John Lappeworthye, Margaret Horssey.

Proved December 19th, 1536.

1536. JOHN HORSINGTON.

[41 HOGEN.]

October 1st, 1536. John Horssyngton of the parish of Coston. To be buried in the parish church of Coston. Cathedral church of Wells, 8*d.*; every godchild, 4*d.*; every one of my own children, ½ doz. silver spones and a cupp of silver; to every householder in Coston, 12*d.*; to the pour people of the spittell house of Bathe, 12*d.*; pour people of the almes house of Pensforth, 6*d.*; my son Richard Horsington the mylls at Pensforthe, the Tannehouse, twoo culverhouses there; I will

that my wife Agnes' mother shall have half part during her life; if Richard dies then my sonne Giles Horsington and his mother to have the mylls; to my sonne Maister Thomas Horsington £4, which shall be paid yerely by the hands of John Taillour of the parish of Mydsomer Northton for the term of 8 years. Agnes my wife £7, which is a portion of the rent of the parsonage of Midsomer Northton yerely to be paid for the term of 10 yeres; to my goostly father Sir Thomas Goldstone 13*s.* 4*d.*; Wm. Manerd of Northstoke 20*s.*; Water Horsington 20*s.*; Nicholas Moorton 20*s.*

Residue: Agnes my wyf, to her ½ and ½ to Giles my son, and Richard my son.

Overseers: Wm. H. my son, Thomas H. my son, Walter H. my brother, Wm. Manerd, and Nicholas Moorton of Bristowe.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Goldston, priest, Christopher Stork, clerk, Wm. Rynge, John Rynge, John Colton, John Brytton.

Proved December 19th, 1536.

1536. AGNES PYRRY.

[2 DYNGELEY.]

October 31st, 1536. Agnes Pirry of the parish of Nynhed, widow. My body to be buried in the churchyard of All Saynts in Nynhed. To the mother church of Wells, 20*d.* To the parish churches of Brodforde and Wellynton, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the churches of Hydon, Langforde and Mylverton, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the church of Ronyngton, 20*d.* To my parish church of Nynhed my crosse of silver and 6 yewes to have my anniversary by the year by the wardens there for ever. To the children of Edward Pyrry, viz., Thomas, William and Alice, 3 sheep each, and to Edward 12 sheep. To John Browne, 10*s.* To Alice Pirry, daughter of Robert Perry, 40*s.* with her wages and 3 sheep. To four children of my son John Cavell not yet married, 3 sheep each. To Agnes Walrond, a cawdron. To Thomas Walrond and Elizabeth, 4 sheep. To John Walrond, a sheep. To Thomas Pirry, 2 sheep. To Agnes, his daughter,

and to Nycholas Pirry, a sheep each. To William Wykes, 2 sheep. To Kateryn Stallinge my blewe gowne. To Elenor Colles, 20*s.* and my best kyrtell. (Bequests of sheep to the two children of Henry Browne, Isabell Pirry, the five children of Robert Perry and to John Ball.) To Sir John Marler, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Robert Dyar, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Our Lady of Mylverton, 12*d.* To every godchild, 4*d.* To the light of All Souls in Nynhed, 8*d.* To Alice Pyrry my best gyrdell. To Mary Cavell, a gyrdell. To Anne Blewet, a sheep.

Residue: Robert Pyrry, my son, executor.

Supervisors: Sir Richard Warr, knight, and Sir John Marler, my goostly father.

Witnesses: Andrewe Wykes, Henry Wykes, Sir Robert Dyar, William Baker and Sir John Pyers.

Proved February 19th, 1536.

1536. JOHN ALGAR.

[1 DINGLEY.]

November 7th, 1536. John Algar, preest and prebendary in the collegiate King's chapell within the palace at Westminster of St. Stephen's. To be buried in the cloyster of the said collegiate chapell. To the deane being at Deryge the day of my sepulture and at masse of Requiem on the morrow, 10*s.*; to every chanon likewise being present, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to every vicar chorall, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to every chauntrę preest of the said chapell, 3*s.* 4*d.*: to the gospellar, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to every one of the other 3 clerks, 20*d.*; to every chorester, 8*d.*; to the vergiar, 2*s.*; to the under sextene, 12*d.*; to the bell ringer, 16*d.*; to 12 torche bayrers, 4*s.*; to my churches of Netherbury, Bymester, Depforde, High Bekynton, Bagborow and to my prebende in Wolvarhampton (each) 20*s.*: to the vicars chorall now being and to ther successors a cuppe of sylver and gilt with a cover with knoppes in the tope at the valour of £6 and better to saye daily at their grace,

"God habe mercy of Maister Algars sowle."

To Sir Richard Skerne, 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that 12 new torches be bought and after my buriall to be given unto the chapell of St. Stephen's aforesaid. I will that the next daye after my

dirige and masse be done the vicars and the chantry preests do sing a trental of masses, receiving therfore 10*s.* I will that after my buriall an honest preest be hyred to sing for my soule and all Christian sowlis by the space of one hole yere at the pewe having for his yeres wagis, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the said preest to have for brede and wyne and waxe, 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that his wages be payde by myn executors quarterly. I will at my moneth mynde a dirige and a masse be kepte and the deane to have 3*s.* 4*d.*; and every chanon, 20*d.*; every vicar and chauntry preest, 12*d.*; every clerke, 8*d.*; every chorester, 4*d.*; the wergiar, 12*d.*; the under sextene, 4*d.*; and the bell ringer, 4*d.*

The residue to Master Dr. Chamber, Deane of St. Stephens and Master John Brereton, chanon, executors; to the first a basyne and ewar of silver and parcell gilt and £10 and to the second a standing torned cuppe [silver and] gilt with the cover and £10.

Witnesses: Thomas Bellot, John Cotton, and Sir Richard Skerne, preest.

Proved January 16th, 1536.

1536. ROBERT STRETE.

[16 DYNGELEY.]

1536. Robert Strete of Mells. My body to be buried in the church of Mells. To every awter 12*d.* To the bells 12*d.* To the High Cross light 12*d.* To my brother Edward a Trucker cloth. To my brother John the same. To every godchild 4*d.* To each of my brother's children 12*d.* To the churches of Lye, Watley, Hemyngton, and Bucklond 12*d.* each. To the building of Elms church-house 12*d.* To each of my servants 12*d.* To Rose 12*d.* To John Prygg a hewling hose cloth. To Alysaunder Pery my fryse cote. To John Lane a hewling hose cloth. To the wife of John Strete 20*d.* for a kerchewe. To my gostly father 12*d.* To Thomas Evans 4*d.* To Thomas my son £20.

Residue: Edith my wife (executrix).

To my mother a gownecloth of 6*s.* 8*d.* a yarde.

Witnesses: John Stret, John Prigg, Alisaunder Pery, John Lane, Richard Stapull.

To Richard Stapull a russet hosecloth and to Stevyn Cabell the same. To the mother church of Wells 8*d.*

Proved May 18th, 1538.

1537. JOAN TEDBURY.

[8 DYNGELEY.]

April 12th, 1537. Jone Tedbury in the town of Taunton. My body to be buried in the holy grave of Peter and Powle within the Priory of Taunton. To the High Cross service and the Sepulcre service in Mary Magdalyn church, 6*s.* 8*d.* to each. To the bylding of the churche howse in the churchyard of the same church 40*s.*, on condition that it be paid when they be in byldinge and sett men to labour upon byldinge of the house. To John Tedbury the younger when he is 20 years of age a cup called Notte, all a pake of wareclothes, a brassen croke. To the Prior 10*s.* To his Convent 6*s.* 8*d.* To maister vicar of Maudleyn my gostly father a noble. I will Sir William Harveye my priest pray for me in his masse for two years having 20 nobles a year. To the church of Wells 8*d.* My executor John Coper and his wife to have my house, keeping an obbet yearly in the church of Magdalyn for the souls of William Tedbury and Johan his wife. To every child of Richard Tedbury except John the younger, 20*s.* at their marriage.

Residue: John Coper and John Adams my servants, my executors.

Overseers: John Coper, Richard Rawdon and John Adams.

Witnesses: William Bery, vicar, Roger Hill, John Coper, Sir William Harvey and William Vox.

Proved July 12th, 1537.

1537. ROBERT HORSEY.

[8 DYNGELEY.]

June 12th, 1537. Robert Horsey, of Taunton, merchant. To be buried in the church of Peter and Pawle in the Priory, before the image of Our Ladie of Pittye. To the church of Wells 12*d.* A priest to sing for me for three years having £6

yearly. To the Prior for tithes forgotten 10*s.* To the services of the High Cross and Sepulture in the church of Magdalen 3*s.* 4*d.* to each. To the poor people of S. Margarett's spitell nigh Taunton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the service of Our Ladye in the church of Saynt James 3*s.* 4*d.* To the repair of high waies £10. To poor on the day of my burial £10. To the Prior and Convent of Taunton 10*s.* to make me a brother among them, and for my grave 6*s.* 8*d.* To every chanon being preest coming to my dirige 12*d.* to every novys 6*d*, to the Prior if he come 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to the sub-prior 20*d.* To Master William Bery vicar of Magdalyn my gostly father 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Margaret my wife, executrix.

Overseers: John Loren and William Gowȝght.

Witnesses: Master Wm. Bery, Sir John Wyly, priest, George Handlay, John Calowe the younger of Taunton, constables, John Adam, Alexander Togwill, portreves.

Proved August 11th, 1537.

1537. JOHN CLEVELOD.

[13 DINGLEY.]

August 26th, 1537. John Clevelod of Bekington clothman; to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Andrew the Apostle of Okeford Fytzpayn in co. Dorset; church of Okeford 2 books, viz., one Antiphonale and the other Graduale: to each godchild 12*d.*

Residue: Agnes my wife and Marie my daughter (executors).

Overseer: Thomas Kytson, knt.

If my wife marry again Mary shall have my tenement in Bekington with the fulling mill and granary next to it *sigillum pannorum voc'* "le oynage," so that she give my wife every week one bushell of wheat and another of barley.

Witnesses: Henry Lavẽn, chaplain and Rector of Okeford, Edward Benet and John Row, yomen.

Proved February 8th, 1537.

1537. THOMAS BROKE.

[18 DINGLEY.]

December 7th, 1537. Thomas Broke in Rowlands; to be buried in Gownynghams Ile within the parish church of Illton yf I die in Rowlands; to the vicar of Asshehill 6*s.* 8*d.* to pray for me. To Margaret myn eldest daughter all such stuffe and shepe as is at Currey with the corne in the ground, the corne in the barne, and £41, whereof £21 to be paide unto the kinge for the fyne of the tenures in Currey and the other £20 to be paide to thuse of Maister Norrys for his gentilnes, the same to be levyed and paid of my plate and my catall by myn executors. To Elnor and Besse my daughters 10 quarters of whete owte of my barne in Currey and to every of them a ffetherbede; my son Hugh to fynde the said Elnor and Besse mete, drynke and cloth or cause them so to be honestly found till they be maried at his owne proper costes and charges; to Margaret Elnor and Besse 3 frontletts of velwet. To Margaret my wife's best bonet and to Elynor the 2nd best. To Elnor and Besse my daughters 8 marcs to be paid them of Longe Ayston of a fyne there made with one Martin and 4 yerlyng bullocks.

Overseer: The right worshipfull Sir Nicholas Wadham, knt.

Residue: Hugh Broke my son and heire.

Witness: I have subscribed my name with my own hand.

Proved July 8th, 1538.

1537. JOHN GIBBONS.

[14 DINGLEY.]

December 12th, 1537. John Gybbons, clerk. To be buried where I happen to die. To my father a gilt cup with a cover which my father gave to me and £6. To my brother Thomas Gybbons 6 gobletts of one sorte parcell gilte with the covers to the same. To my 3 sisters one gold cup called a goblet and to Anne wife of Est the junior of them a cover to the same cup and to each of them £8. To my patron named Robert living at Burton £6. To my cousin Joyce Massy £4. To Joyce my

niece, daughter of my sister Alice Yardley for her marriage £10. To my cousin Elizabeth Chippenham 40*s*. To Wm. Gybbons formerly my servant now dwelling at Sutton 40*s*. To Robert Wastlyng at London £5, Robert Johnson, servant to Master Wyxson 40*s*. To be distributed to the pour parishioners of St. Newline in Cornwall £3. To the pour parishioners of St. Enoder in Cornwall 40*s*. To the pour parishioners of Stoke Gabriell 20*s*. To N. Gybbons son of Robert Gybbons my uncle now living with my father £10, *ut incumbat litteris*. To my chorister Robert Stone *ut incumbat litteris* £10. *Secundario meo* Torker £5. To Dr. Reynolds my best gown of scarlet with 2 ale cupps. To John Fawfylde chaplain "annuellar" £10, to celebrate and pray for my soule. To John Bury £5 and 20*s*. for *arreragiis* not paid ; to Robert Palmer, Roger Mysmare, Wm. Sater and John Andrewe 3 years wages over and above the term in which I die and all to have *lugubrem togam* after my funeral.

Executors: John Gybbons my uncle, Edward Est and Wm. Gybbons of Plymowthe, [to each £10].

Overseer: My reverend lord John, Bishop of Exeter.

Residue: For the health of my soule.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Antell, Richard Toker, John Androwe, John Myllet.

Dated at Chard. Proved March 4th, 1537.

1537. ELIZABETH SPEKE.

[16 Dyngeley.]

January 13th, 1537. Elizabeth Speke, widow, late the wife of Sir George Speke, knt. To be buried in the parish church of Est Doulish by my late husband. To the church of Wells 6*s*. 8*d*. To the church of Est Doulish £6 13*s*. 4*d*. and a satten gowne for a cope. To each of the churches of Ilminster, Whitlakyngton and Cudworth 6*s*. 8*d*. To Nicholas Speke and Elizabeth Speke two pots of silver. To my Lord Daubeney a cup. To my nephew John Coode a cup. To Sir Baldwyn Hill parson of Est Doulish £20. To Sir William Abbot 40*s*. To Sir Thos. Elyot 20*s*. To John Balch of Horton 40*s*., John Balche his son 20*s*. To my servant Robert Popbyn 53*s*. 4*d*. To George Rocetour

my servant 40*s.* To poor at my burial £20. To the church of Kyngeston 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Lazar houses of Burton, Langport, Byrport and Taunton 6*s.* 8*d.* to each. To the Gray Freres of Bridgwater, the Blak Freres of Excetur and the Freres of Yevilchester 40*s.* to each. To Sir Nicholas Wadham, knt., an ale cupp of silver. To my cousin Robert Hill a silver salt standing upon thre wyars. To Sir Hugh Powlett, knt., a cup. To Henry Ogañ the same. To Gyles Peny a boll of silver and my best gelding. All lands purchased by my late husband in Up Oterey, and by me of John Dawe of Dreyton to remain to Anne Ratclyf widow and her heirs by Thomas Ratclyf begotten. To the said Anne 6 oxen, 6 kye and calves, 100 shepe, 6 fetherbeds, oon skelet, oon water chaffer, oon chaffing dishe of laten, 6 cusshens, 3 sparvers of Dornax and Say, half my naprye ware with a mare, two colts, my bay gelding and £10 of the £20 which the Lord Abbot of Glaston owes me; the other £10 to be given to the said Lord Abbot for a trentall. To Edward Ratclif 50 marcs. To George and Thomas Ratclif my best cheyne of gold and to Grace Ratclif and each of them 100 marcs and a cheyne of gold on their marriage. To Mary Ratcliff a gilt cup &c. To John Wadham esquier a flatt cup with a cover, graven. To the parson of Est Doulish a white boll of silver.

Overseers: Sir Nicholas Wadham, Sir Hugh Paulet, knights, and Giles Peny, gentilman.

Residue: To my nephew, Sir Thos. Speke, knight, executor.

Witnesses: Sir Baldwyn Hill, parson of Est Doulishe, Sir William Abbot, preest and John Balche.

Proved May 15th, 1538.

1537. JOHN NASE.

[19 Dyngeley.]

January 27th, 1537. John Nase, priest. To be buried in christian burial. To the cathedral church of Wells, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Whitchurch, Saint Decõs, Barcombe church in Sussex and to cathedral churche of Saint Richard in Chichester and to every of this same churches use, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Joane Nase my naturall mother £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and the apparell of my chambre within

Bathe place at London. To Joane the wife of Thomas Adams my natural suster £5 with two gownes in Bath place and all the apparel of my chambre in the palys of Wells. To Joyce my old servant 40*s.*, my white horse bought of maister Jury and the apparel of my chambre at Chewe. To my especiall good Lord Bisshop of Bath and Wells a paire of vestments blak with byrdes. To William Alyn my servant 20*s.* To maister Richard Clerkson my murrey gown lined with damaske, my best black gown and all my books of divinitie with the apparel of my chambre at Banwell. To Maister Thomas Jury my crymsyn gown lined with tawny sarcenet. To Sir Adam my long gown. To Sir Nicholas Sygyner two pair of new sheets. To John Hylacre all my bokes of humanitie.

Residue: to pour people for Crist's sake.

Executor: Maister Clerkson.

Witnesses: John Hylacre, Nicolas Hamonde, George Belfelde, Roger Myller. Maister Clerkson to provide 100 masses to the lawde of God and for the absolicion of paynes due for my synnes. To poor at my funeralls £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

Proved July 18th, 1538.

1538. AMISIUS POWLETT, KNT.

[18 Dyngeley.]

April 1st, 1538. Amisius Poulet, knight. My body to be buried in the church of Chafecombe or wherever it shall please the most High. To the cathedral church of Wells 5*s.* To the parish church of Henton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Rector there for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churches of Chafcombe, Charde, Crokehorne, Ylmynster, South Peterton and Dynyngton, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the Abbot and Convent of Forde 10*s.* Residue, to my son and heir Sir Hugh Poulet, knight, my executor, charging him to be frendely to my sons John Poulet and Henry Poulet and to use himself gentilly amongst my tenants and servants, with Goddes blessing and myn to him and all his brothers and sisters.

Witnesses: Thomas, Abbot of the Monastery of Forde, Sir Hugh Webbe, parson of Dynyngton and Richard Webber.

Proved June 25th, 1538.

1538. ANDREW LUTTRELL, KNT.

[19 DYNGELEY.]

April 14th, 1538. Sir Andrewe Luttrell, knight, of the parish of Est Quantock. My body to be buried in the chauncell of Est Quantock before the picture of Our Lady at the northende of the high awter under the walle there provided; my executrice and overseer to cause a Tombe and a newe wyndowe to be made there. To the matrike church of Wells 20*s*. To the church of Est Quantock £5 to bestowe in a chalice. To the high awter of Est Quantock for forgoten tythings 20*s*. To the Freres of Bruggewater to kepe a solempne obite for my soule and the soules of Sir Hugh Luttrell and the Lady Margaret his wife my father and mother and of Hugh Trott one tyme a yere for thre yeres, 20*s*. a yere. I will a Trentall of masses be done the day of my burial and money distributed among poor men at my burial and twelmonth day. Fyve preests daily for a yere to syng masse with dirige and masse of requiem every Wennysday and Fryday saying *De profundis* before the first lavatory *viva voce*, each priest having yearly £6 13*s*. 4*d*. with wyne, waxe and singing bred beside vestments and bokes. To the Carterhouse in London 40*s*. for two solempne obites with two diriges. To my son John Luttrell all my raiment with my bowes and arrowes. To my servant William Marchaunt £6 13*s*. 4*d*. My housholde servants to have 40*s*. each and their lyvery with mete and drink for one year if they abide with the Lady Margaret my wife. To my godson Andrewe Marchaunt during his life all the ground called Prestlonde and Hokeway that his father William Marchaunt and Christen his wife now holdeth. To each of my sons, my eldest son excepted, 400 marcs to their marriage when they come to 21 years. To each of my daughters likewise when they come to 18 years of age. The Lady Margaret my wife to be my executrix and to have all my goods, but if she marry, John Wyndam my brother in law, George Wyndam preest and John Luttrell my son to be my executors, and to receive restitution of my wife of all the goods to the use of my children; my said wife to have no more but her joynture according to the recovery granted by my father Sir Hugh Luttrell, knt. If my

son John disturb any part of my will he shall be excluded from the administration thereof. To my Lord Prevye Seall a silver cup to be good lord unto my lady my wife and my children. Supervisor, John Wyndam the elder esquier my brother-in-law.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Mathey curate of Est Quantock, John Wyndam esquier, William Marchaunt.

Memorandum: the said sums of 400 marcs bequeathed to my children to be levied of my manor of Mynehede according to an indenture made unto Sir Humfrey Wyngfeld and John Wyndam esquier the elder for the term of 28 years as by the same indenture more at large it may appear.

Proved July 13th, 1538.

1538. WILLIAM KYPPINGE.

[11 CRUMWELL.]

May 19th, 1538. William Kyppynge. My body to be buried within the churche hey of Buckland Dynham. To the church of St. Andrew of Wells 8*d.* To the church of Bucklande Dynham a cowe. To the Almyshouse of Frome 6 kye, to the relefe of the poure people, the profitte to be bestowed in mete and drynke and nott in reparacions. To the church of Frome two kyne to have an obitt yearly with dirige and masse of one priste, and he to have when he hath massed 8*d.*, and the other 16*d.* to the wardens, and the profitte of the other cowe to go to the church profit perpetually. To my two daughters, Margarett and Julyan, £10 each. To foure of my kynnesmen 4 hecfords to be delivered at my month's mynde. To Harrye Coppe a baye amblynge mare. To William Gryffyne an heckfore and a shepe. To Robert Gryven 10*s.* and a shepe. To Julyan Yonge an heckforde. To William Payne an ox named "Sharpe." To Thomas Collȳs an ox named "Meryman." To John Pope, the yonger, an ewe and a lambe. To John Reve 2 ewys and 2 lambes. To each of my godchildre a lamb. To John Vegur an ox and a cow. To William Newman an ox. To Margerye my wife's sister and my servant an heckforde. To John Synger and Richard Yerle an ewe and a lamb to each. To Come a lambe. To Jone Pether a lamb

To John Pope the elder 10 ewys. To every householder in the parish a bushel of wheat (Lytman Hawkyns and Treherne Gunwen excepte). To the vicare a grey horse-colte of 2 years of age and the vantage.

Residue: Jone, my wife, my executrix; and if she departe of this plage nowe and my children lyve, then Edwarde Whytt dwellynge in the parish of Mylsam to have the guydynge of my children and goods and 40*s.* for his labour.

Overseer: John Bowrde my wife's father. And if my wife and both my children depart now, my neighbours John Pope, Robert Gunwen, William Gryffyn, John Reve, William Payne and Robert Carker to distribute my goods among my poor kynnesmen and wymen and specially to the poor neighbours in the parish.

Proved November 7th, 1538.

1538. JOHN RICHARDS.

[20 DYNGELEY.]

July 22nd, 1538. John Richard. My body to the holy grave of St. Mighell of Angerslegh. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* To the sepulcre of Angerslegh a kowe to maynteyn the light therewith, the increse oon man to have the order thereof. To each of my three brothers a shepe. To Emmot my suster a valowe heyffer. To Joane Ware my wife's daughter a kowe and a calfe and a mowe of Rye being in the parish of St. Mary Ottery. To Agnes, my daughter, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Neton 12*d.* To my goostly fader 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Cocks my grene cote. To Robert Luscombe a cote.

Residue: Thomasyn my wife, executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Nicolas Choldas, my gostly father, William Brewer, John Cocks and Robert Horwode.

Overseers: Thomas Knyght, William Richard, Robert Mate and Andrewe Holwell.

Proved August 30th, 1538.

1538. THOMASINE RICHARDS.

[20 DYNGELEY.]

August 3rd, 1538. Thomasyn Richardes, widowe. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Mighell in Angerslegh. To the church of Wells 4*d.* To Isabell White my violett capp and my best petycote. To Joane Symmys my violet kirtell. To Joane Legh my crymsyn kirtell. To Thomas Taillor a sarge doublet and a blak capp. To the parish church of Angerslegh my paire of bedes of corall gawded with amber and a ryng in the same.

Residue: Joane and Agnes, my daughters, executors.

Overseers: Sir Nicolas Chowldish, Sir Peter Holwell and Andrew Holwell.

Witnesses: Sir Nicholas Chowldish, my goostly father, Robert Mate, John Cookes and William Brewer.

Proved August 30th, 1538.

1538. JOHN BROWNE.

[2 PYNNYNG.]

August 20th, 1538. John Browne of the town of Bristow, gentillman. My weake carkes to be buryed w^t^oute anny pompe where it please God to putt in the mynde of myne executours. To Elizabeth Browne my niece daughter to Robert Browne a bason and ewer of silver parcel gilt weighing 64 ounces. To my lorde Hungerforde my best ring. To Master William Vowell my next best ring. To my cousin Richard Bethemore all rents due to me in Est Pennarde and Lye uppon Mennydepe during his life and after to mine heirs, also all my books, apparel not bequeathed, and my best bed. To my sister Isabell Cole, widow, my second bed and two gowns which be at Marshall's and £20 to store her ground at her farm and £6 13*s.* 4*d.* for ware for her shop. To Isabell Cole, my sister's daughter, my next bed and £26 13*s.* 4*d.* to her marriage. To Elizabeth Cole, another of my sister's daughters, the next bed and £20 to her marriage. To Mawde wife of William Courtney, another of my sister's daughters, the next bed, and if her

husband demean himself well and honest and thriving I give her £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, and if he be not forward or thriving or else, to be at the pleasure of mine executors. To my sister's said daughters over and above their bequests 20 marks in the hands of Sir John Seyntlowe, knight. To Richard Cole, my sister's son, £20, when he come out of his apprenticeship. To the Prior of the Fryer Augustynnes in Bristowe £5. To fryer Lawrence, fryer Parker, fryer Robert and fryer Pynner of the said house, 20*s.* each. To Thomas Smythe the elder of Bristow £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alyce Barton and Jone Elsoure, servants of the said Henry White (*sic*), £5 each. To Richard Marshall towker a gown of London russet faced with black conny. To Margery his wife 20*s.* to buy her a gown. To the goodman Andrew Wever 3*s.* 4*d.* To the proctours of Recle to the reparations of the church 13*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas my servant my ryding cote and his year's wages. To Thomas my servant and fawkener another best ryding cote. I give out of my lands in Edingworth, co. Somerset, £7 for 7 years to Thomas Smyth the elder of Bristow purser to pay yearly £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to the said John Browne his executors to perform this my will, and I will all my title in the closes by the barres in the countie of Bristowe called Ringlings lease be sold by my exōrs, and Master George Norton, gentleman, to have the preferment thereof. To every poor man and woman in the almeshouses without Temple gate of Bristow, in Saint Katherynnes in Temple streate, to the almeshouses in Bredstreat and of St. Peters 12*d.* each. To 12 poor men 12 gowns of russet, and to 12 poor women 12 white petty cotes. My exōr the said Henry White, and my overseer, William Popley, to receive the profits of all my lands, tenements with shoppes, sellers and sollers, gardeynes, which I have in Bristow and precincte of the same up to the sum of £100, to perform my will.

Executors: Henry White with my sister Elizabeth Cole, widow.

Overseers: William Popley and Richard Bethemore.

Witnesses: Maister Mychaell, doctor of physicke, Maister Sandforde, Pryor of the house of Fryer Augustynnes, Thomas Thorne, poticary, Margery Marshall and Rychard Cole.

Proved February 8th, 1543.

The probate clause is followed by depositions of witnesses produced by Isabel Cole, executrix, testifying with reservations, to the validity of the above will, made before Master John Dawes bachelor in the Law in the presence of John Gye notary public, Master Robert Beckm̃ of Wells, Sir James Bayly clerk, Sir John Martyn chaplain, and Raulin Webb of Bristol, September and October, 1543:—

"Henry Whyte, Maior of the city of Bristoll aged 60 years, said that about six or seven days before the testator's death, who died about Bartillmewtyde, was five years, the said testator began to make his testament who was three or four days in making of the same, and further, that he, two or three days before his death then lying in his bed in a certain high chamber situate within the late house of Fryer Augustynnes in Bristow, caused his said testament to be read, but by whom this deponent doth not now remember, before this deponent, Maister Nycholas Sandforde then pryor of the said house of Augustynne Fryers, one Maister Mychaell Doctor of Phisicke, Thomas Thorne, Richard Cole, Isabell Barbor and Margery Marshall, all they giving care to the reading of the said testament and the said testator likewise hearkened to the reading of the same, and then and there subscribed the same with his own hand; and also he saith that the said testator both when he began to make his said testament and also when it was read before him was, and so continued until death, of perfect and good remembrance. And further he saith that the testament shewed and read to this deponent doth agree in all points with the testament so made by the testator and read before him." (September 14th, 1543.)

A similar deposition by Margery Marshall wife of Richard Marshall of the city of Bristoll, aged 40 years. Also by Isabell Barbor (*als* Cole) wife of John Barbor of the parish of St. Nicholas, Bristol, aged 22 years, born at Wells, except that "she does not remember that the said testator bequeathed to Friar Lawrence, Friar Parker, Friar Robert and Friar Pynner of the late house of Friars Augustynnes of Bristoll, 10*s*. each." "She heard and saw one Maister Popley read the said testament openly" before the witnesses as abovesaid. (September 15th, 1543.) Also by Sir Nicholas Sandforde, clerk, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Bedminster where he has been vicar for three years and more,

before which he was for four years Prior of the house of Friars Augustine now dissolved, born at Thorpe Salvyn co. York, aged 50 years and more; except that "he does not remember that the said testator bequeathed 20 marks in the hands of Master Seintlowe, knight, to the daughters of the said Isabel Cole; also he said that the said testator willed 20*s*. towards the reparations of a Conducte of water in Bristoll . . . and that the said testament was read by Master Popley in the presence of Master Henry White late Maior of Bristol, Master Bythemore, a certain Master Michael doctor in medicine, Thomas Thorne potycarie, Margery Marshall, Isabel Cole, sister of the said deceased and Richard Cole son of the said Isabel." (September 20th, 1543.) Also by Thomas Thorne, "pharmacapola anglice pottycary" of the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle in the city of Sarum, where he has dwelt for 20 years, born at Rumsey, aged 40 years and more, being the said Browne's pottycary in his sickness; produced as a witness by Richard Cole son of the said Isabel Cole, in the name of his mother, in the house of Robert Neckton, in the said parish. (October 13th, 1543.)

1538. THOMAS STARKEY.

[6 PYNNYNG.]

August 25th, 1538. Thomas Starkey, Clarke. My body to be buried in the chancel of Northe Petherton at the discretion of the curate there. To the mother church of Wells 8*d*. To the reparation of the church of N. Petherton 6*s*. To my father Thomas Starkey in part of recompense of his great cost and charges upon my bringing up in good learning £40. "To the veray honnerable and my singulier good lorde, my lorde Mountague £4 to bie hymm a Nagg and my bedd that I lay in." To my brother John Starky my best gown. To my servant Robert Bigbroke £5 and my second bed. To William Starkey my servant £5. All my books to be at the ordering of Master doctor Wotton to take certain to his children as he think profitable to their learning. I will that he dispose certain other books to the furnishing of the library of Magdalen College and give the residue to such scholars as he shall see apt to learning or letters.

To Mr. doctor Wotton my second best gown. Among the servants and family of the vicar of N. Petherton for their pains and labours by night and day about me in mine infirmity, 4 marks. The residue to Mr. doctor Wotton and my servant Robert Bigbroke, executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Bulcũ [Bulcomb] vicar of N. Petherton, Robert Goodyn, Richard Noke.

Proved May 2nd, 1544.

1538. HENRY NEWLONDE.

[26 DYNGELEY.]

October 20th, 1538. Henry Newlonde of the parish of Long-assheton in the diocese of Bath and Wells. To be buried in the churchyard of Long Assheton. To St. Andrew's church 4*d.* To the high awter light 4*d.* To the light of the Crucifix a bushel of wheat. To each of the lightes upon the awters in the church half a bushel of barlye. To the light upon the awter in Our Lady Chapell half a bushel of wheat. To myn eldest son John £15 at his marriage. To my son John the junior £10 at his marriage. To Alice my servant 20*s.* at her marriage.

Residue: Agnes my wife and William my son, executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Rowthe, vicar, William Capull, Thomas Cockes.

Proved July 3rd, 1539.

1538. JOHN FITZ-JAMES, KNT.

[5 SPERT.]

October 23rd, 30 Hen. VIII. John Fitzjames, knight, Cheff Justice of the Kinges Benche. My body to be buried in the parishe churche of Brewton or els where it shalbe thought convenyent, and assone after my deceas as yt may be conveniently 15 masses of the Fyve Wõndes of Our Lorde by fyftyn most honest prestes, to each of whom saying one of the sayd masses I bequeath 2*s.* I will there be songe and sayd in the churche where my body shalbe buryed every daye for one month "placebo" and "dirige" and 8 severall masses of Requiem in the mornyng by 8 honest prestes and 6 Clerkes yf

they may be gotten; one of the sayd masses to be songe by note, each prest having 12*d.* at each "dirige" and masse and each clerke 6*d.* I will that 12 por men shall kneyll aboute my hersse every daye at the time of the sayd "dirige" and masse, every of theym having a Torche in their hands and there to pray for my soule and all Christian sowles; every of the same por men to have a blake gowne and every daye 4*d.* untill the sayd moneth be passyd. My executors at my buryall and moneth mynde to deal suche almes as shalbe thought necessarie. To every parishe churche through whiche my body shalbe caryed towards my burying 6*s.* 8*d.*, and yf my body rest in any churche one night, then to that churche 20*s.*, so that they cleame no waxe ne other thing for my comyng to the said churche. To my wyfe plate value £100, she to have it after the price that olde plate ys comenly bought, two of the best beddes of downe at Redliche, except that in the greate chambr̃ over the parlor, with fustians and coverledds, three fetherbeds and thre mattras with coverledds and blanketts, two payre of the best sheetes, all suche chaynes, flowers, ringes and other jewells as she hath used to were, the best plough of oxen wt weane, sowle and other thinges belonging at Yearlynton or at Redliche, all my shéepe at Smalden, two tableclothes, one dosyn napkyns, 12 mylche kyne at Redliche, six of the best horses or geldings in stable or at grasse and £20. I will that the person whiche shall have the manere of Redliche after my deceas shall have six flatt boolls parcell gilte with the covers havyng a Dolphyn in the knapp of the cover, also the salte of the man and woman wt the flower to the same, two basons and two yewers of sylver parcell gilte, also the two cuppes called the "Apetrull," that ys the cuppe and the cover—they will make two cuppes yf nede be—also two pottes of sylver one of the standing cuppes that I hadd of my Lorde of London, my best chaffing dishe of sylver, my gilte pottes of sylver that I hadd of my Lorde of London, also my two saltes of sylver and gilte made lyke Faggotts, my standing cupp of sylver called the "bryde cupp" and thre olde Gobletts that be most used to be occupied, to the intent that the said plate alwey remain to the occupant of my house at Redliche, and also all my howseholde stuf, and all my oxen and kyen at Redliche; he to leve all after his or her deceas to the successor. And where I have caused

Estate to be made to my daughter Elizabeth Fitzjames of my maners of Redliche and Knoll for her life, I will she shal finde sufficient suretie to my exōrs that she shall not discontynue the maner of South Brewhm̃ ne onye parcell therof other then for terme of lyfe or lyves yelding the rent therof at this tyme dew and accustomyd; and yf she refuse, then all the seyd plate, catall and stuf of householde to be delivered to my cosyn Nicholas Fitz-james or to his next heire male and he to occupie the same during his lyfe, leving it to his next heire male and for default therof to the heire male of my cosyn Aldred Fitzjames and for default therof to my right heires.

To the Fraternitie of Or Lady in the paryshe churche of Brewton 40*s*. To my doughter Moreton all my howsehold stuf in London except one fetherbed which I will be delyvered to the chambre that I last laye in at the Mydle Temple. To my cosyn Alderd Fitz-james all my bokes of lawe in recompense of suche bokes as I had of his father, except my greate boke of Statutes in vellem or parchement, which I give to my cosyn Nicholas Fitz-james, and then to remayn to the howse of Redliche. To the sayd Aldred a pott of sylver and gilte. I had hym of my Lorde of London and the said Aldred had his felowe of my sayd Lorde. To my nevey Thomas Michell £10. To my cosyn Roger Blewet a stonding cupp of sylver, one of the three whiche I had of my Lorde of London, which cupp my Lorde bequethed to myn Aunte, his Grammother. To my cosyn Nicholas Fitz-james my two chasid bockes of sylver and all my harnesse, that he may serve the king withall, and I will he have all my terme and interest in the parsonage of Charleton upon Horethorne. To each of my houshold servants that take any wages, one yere's wages and meate and drynke in my howse yf they luste to take hit to my month mynde be passed, and four marks to every of those that take no wages, at my months mynde. To the vicar of Shepton Montegewe 20*s*. To the vicar of Redliche 20*s*. To the vicar of Meere 20*s*. To the vicar of Evill 20*s*. To the vicar of Brewham 20*s*. To Margery my woman in my chambre 5 marks. My successor to give por Wyndesholde and George Bollyng some honest lyving at Redliche. To each of the houses of Charterhouse Witham and Henton £3 6*s*. 8*d*., to pray for me. To Johanne Parcyvall

being wt one doster (*sic*) to my nyce percevall £20 to her mariage. To every mayden of good conversacon, fatherlesse and motherlesse, unmarryed and dwelling within onye parte of my inheritaunce 40*s*. to her mariage. To every por howseholder dwelling within onye parte of my inheritaunce 6*s*. 8*d*. My exõrs to deal £5 in almes yerely for fyve yeres at the feastes of the Nativitie of Or Lorde God, Ester, Assencion of Or Lord, Assumption of Or Ladye, and the feast All Saints amonge the most poryst and nedy in Brewton, Weke, Pitcum, Shepton, Knoll, Stowke, Redliche and Cherleton Musgrove.

Executors: my very good master Syr Geyles Strangwiche, knight, to whom I bequeth my flagon of sylver, my trustie and lovyng cosyn Sir John Horsay, knight, to whom I bequeth my two dosen Trangers of sylver—they coste me beyond £20,—and my shaving bason of sylver, and my trustie frends, William Portman and Geyles Penye. To William Portman the stonding cup of sylver that I had of Sir Phillippe Fulforde and to Geyles Peny my stonding cup gilt that ys comenly used to drynke clarett wyne in.

The residue to my exõrs to be distributed among my por kynnesmen and women that have moche nede and litle helpe.

Witnesses: John Fitz-james, ego Johes Walgrave clericus testis sum, Thomas Horner.

Proved May 12th, 1542.

1538. SIR WILLIAM COFFYN, KNT.

[27 Dingley.]

December 8th, 1538. Sir William Coffyn, knt., to be buried after the discrecion of my wife Dame Margaret Coffyn in what place she thincketh best and I make her my soole and full executrice; to her all my fermes and theis that I have by leases or without any leases with suche interest and after as large a fashon as ever I have or hadd in them; also to her all my goodes movable and unmoveable, corne, catall, plate, jewells with all myn apparell longing to my body. My debts to be paid. To my two olde servants Henry Irelaunde and Robert Roo all such landes as I have in Bakewell that I purchased called Bounde

his lande and Sais lande. To my two nevewes Wm. Coffyn thelder and Wm. Coffyn yonger all my lande in Devonshire longing to the Coffyns land, severally and indifferently to be divided between them both. To my wife my lande of Esthakinton in Devonshire to give and to sell for the performance of this my will. To my nephew Richard Coffyn the parke and the mannor of Heaunton that I have by leases paying my said wife £20 or ells not and yow to have it if he be not so contented. Also to Robert Graunger, John Rogers, Thomas Dale, and Rafe Beverley my servaunts myn annuitie paid to me yerelie by Sir Robert Chadwike parson of Sheill which is £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Robert Graunger, yerely 40*s.* John Rogers yerely 40*s.* Thomas Dale yerely 26*s.* 8*d.* Rafe Beverley yerely 26*s.* 8*d.*, and to Richard Lamas yerely 40*s.* As touching thother annuitie of the parsonne of Elson, I remit it hole to the discrecion of my wif.

Witnesses: Robert Ive, Henry Irelaunde, gentilman, Robert Buck.

Proved May 17th, 1539.

1538. RICHARD UPHILL.

[19 SPERT.]

March 13th, 1538. Richard Uphill. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Peme [Penselwood]. To St. Andrew of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of Peme 20*s.* To the Crosse light 4*d.* To Our Lady 4*d.* To St. Margaret 4*d.* To St. Mighell 4*d.* To St. Kathereyn 4*d.* To St. Christofer 4*d.* To the maintenance of the church of Peme twoo kyne and sevyn shepe. To my kynneswoman Wenyfride a cowe and a calfe. To my servant John Halley sevyn nobills and almaner of stuff that doth belong to my occupacion. To the said Halley and to my servant Alice Lame 40 pounde of yarne, and a coverlett. To my goostly father Sir More, Thomas Mathewe and John Mathewe my corne close. To my brother John Hiscocke all my bestes and catall. To Thomas Alen my Reke of corne. To my Godde children 4*d.* apece. To every houscholder in the parish of Peme 12*d.* To John Hyscock and Thomas Alen my bill of debts. Also I have delivered willingly to my goostly father £20 of money to be

songe for in the parish church of Peme. Also delivered to John Mathewe and Thomas Mathewe a certeyn some of money the sume of xix marks, all my Talowe and candells wt the residue of my dets owt of my bill aforesaid, for to bestowe for the welthe of my soule, and if there be sufficient left, they shall deliver it to the parson of Peme for to have a prest synge for me in the church of Peme for four years.

Overseers: The said parson, Thomas Mathewe, John Mathewe and John Sparowe.

The residue to John Hescock, William Broke, and Thomas Alen, executors.

Witnesses: My goostly father John Mowre, Thomas Mathewe John Mathewe.

Proved May 5th, 1543.

1539. JOHN LITELSKILL.

[26 DYNGELEY.]

May 19th, 1539. John Lytelskell, priest. To be buried in christian buriall. To Maister Colynce 20*s*. To Sir Bocher 10*s*. and to Sir James Bonde 10*s*. My Bedding to Jamys Blakalarre my greke bokes to Sir Bocher, my latyn bokes and Cypryane and a paire of shetes to master Colynce, my best gowne typpett and capp to Sir Henry Hunte and the rest to poure scolers with all debts owed me at Wells as apperith by billes in Sir Giles hands. Of my other stuff, 40*s*. to my cosyn Eboralle in Warwikshire of late with Maister Lucyane. To the College of Wells 20*s*. among the company. To the cathedral church of Wells 10*s*. To the quoresters 10*s*. To the Almeshouse at Wells 20*s*. "Orera Chrisostomi et Originis" to master Gye, "Ambrose et Paraphises Erasmi" to master Bowreman.

Executors: Master John Edwards of Corpus Cristi College in Oxford, master Marten Colyns of Exeter College in Oxford, and Sir Giles, Chauntrye preest in the cathedral church of Wells.

Witnesses: John Dotyn and John White.

Proved June 30th, 1539.

1539. GEORGE GEORGE.

[2 ALENGER.]

August 4th, 1539. George George of Wescõbe in the parish of Batcombe, co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the church of Batcombe. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the Hye Cros lyght of Batcombe 8*d.* To the bylding of the Towre of Batcombe 20*s.* To the maintenance of the torches of Batcombe 12*d.* To the meyntenance of the brotherhedd of Batcombe 6*s.* 8*d.* To William George my son £10, half money, half catall. To John George my son £20. To Margaret George my daughter £13 6*s.* 8*d.* To Agnes George my daughter the same, and her mothers best gyrdell. To Jone Brynt my daughter in lawe a heyffor, six shepe and a pane. To Dorathe Brynte my daughter in lawe the same. To James Benet 5*s.* To William Brynt 4 shepe. To my daughter Jone 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Yerberye of Batcombe 5 acres of corne lying upon Spergrovys downe. To every childyste childe of myn a shepe or a hogge. To Edye Jones two heyffers. To my sons William, Walter and John and my daughters Jone, Margaret and Agnes my salte of silver and 10 silver spones whereof six be knaped wt mayden hedds and fowre wt square hedds sharped. My woode ffatt and my furnes to Walter and John my sons. To Edith my wife my lome wt all the harnes and afterward to John yf he fall to that occupation, yf not, to Walter my son. To each of my daughters Margaret and Agnes a bed furnished, that is a flocke bedd, a boulster of fflockes, a payr of blankets, a peyre of sheets of lockram and a coverlet, with six poull of pewter vessell. To Isbell Brynte and Kateryn Brynt my daughters in lawe, to each, a pane. To Robert Welshe my best gowne. To William George my son my chamlet coote. Item, where Mysteres Elsabeth Fyzth James oweth me £4 delivered by way of lone to Maister John Fizth James her late husbonde in the chambre of the hall in William North's house at Bruton in the presens of John Galy his own servant, for the greate goodnes that I found in his mastership I forgyve the one half. I will that Geyles Slade of Bruton pay to Edith my wife and Walter my son the 26*s.* 8*d.* he oweth me.

Residue to Edith my wife and Walter my son, executors.

Overseers: Maister Nicholas Fizthjames, Master Docter Bysse, Thomas Yerberye of Batcombe, and William Cornyshe of Spargrove, the elder.

Witnesses: Robert Welshe, John Bleke, John Atthewoude the elder, Sir John Gollar, parson of Spargrove, Sir John Ryley, curate of Batcombe.

Proved January 30th, 1539.

1539. NICHOLAS WADHAM, KNT.

[15 SPERT.]

November 25th, 1539. Nicholas Wadham of Muryfelde co. Somerset, knight. My body to be buried in the parish church of Ilemyster if I die within the counties of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Southampton, or Devonshire. If I die elsewhere, then where my exõrs shall think best. To the cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Ilemyster 20*s.* To the parish churches of Ileton and Whitlakyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* to each and to the vicars there for tithes forgotten 10*s.* to each. If dame Johane my wife overlive me she to have all such plate apparel and household stuff as she brought to Muryfeld the time of the marriage between her and me or any time sithen. To my wife 100 marks. The residue of my chaynes, gold ryngs, crossis, juells and plate not bequeathed, all my corn, cattle and household stuff at Muryfelde or in any other manors or lands in Somerset and all my wulle on my ferme of Frome co. Dorset to be sold by my exõrs. (except my sheep on my farm of Frome which I give to my wife, she paying for them after the rate as I did) and the money thereof coming to bear the charges of my burial and months mind and to pay my debts and legacies. To my son Giles being on lyfe at Deiesse my best horse or gelding with the apparell to the value of 13*s.* 4*d.* To my son Andrewe my second best horse. To my son Nicholas my third best horse. To Roger Fauntleroy, William Bevyn, John Balche and Anthony Bolleyn my servants £3 6*s.* 8*d.* each above their wages if they continue in my service during my life. To every other gentleman in my service the time of my decease, above their wages 40*s.* To my Chapleyn above his wages 40*s.* To every

yeoman servant 20*s.* above his wages. To every labouring servant, and woman servant 6*s.* 8*d.*, so that they all continue with my wife and exõrs till my month mind be past. Also where I Nicholas Wadham, knight, do owe to my son-in-law Richard Chudleigh, esquier, £60, I will my exõrs. pay the same. To my son John Wadham my best gown. To my three other sons Giles, Andrewe, and Nicolas all my wearing clothes and £100 each to be paid out of my manor of Haydon as appeareth by a deed whose date is November 23rd, 31 Hen. VIII.

The residue to my executors, Sir Hugh Paulett, knight, William Portman, esquire, John Ogan, Andrewe Wadham, William Beven and Roger Fauntleroy, gentlemen.

Overseers: The Lord Storton and Richard Poullard, esquier.

Proved January 31st, 1542.

1539. WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

[4 ALENGER.]

December 15th, 1539. William Saunders of the parish of Chewstoke. My body to be buried in the church of Chewe, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the reparacion of the chapell of Chewe 20*d.* To the reparacion of the church of Chewstoke 4*s.* 4*d.* To the reparacion of the parish church of Compton Martyn 2*s.* To the reparacion of the church of Ubley 16*d.* To the reparacion of the church of Prydie 2 shepe. To my goostly father Sir John Bary 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my god-children 12*d.* To the daughters of William my son dwelling at Prydie viz. Margaret and Agnes 100*s.* each. I will that a prest be hyered by my exõrs to pray for my soule and all christian souls for half a yere. If William my son when the time cometh will surrender his estate in the house in which I dwell, to Thomas my son, he to have £20, and if he will not he to have but my bequest which is 20 shepe. To the sustentacion of poor people oone hole cloth value 60*s.* To the repair of the high wey between my house and Stoke 6*s.* 8*d.* The residue to Margery my wife and Thomas my son, my executors. Witnesses: Sir John Bary prest, William Paynes, John Hilkes, and John Fyssher.

Proved March 4th, 1539.

1540. ALICE PYCKE.

[7 ALENGER.]

March 25th, 1540. Alse Pycke, gentlewoman, widow, of the parish of S. John, Glastonburye. To be buried in the parish church abovesaid before the altar of the Trinitie. For my burial there, 40*s.* To the four principal lights there, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the poor at my burial moneth mynde and twelvemoneth mynde, £20. To every priest present 12*d.* To my son Master Stevyn Peycke my best cup. To Maistres Dorathe Pycke, my daughter-in-law, a standing cup. To my daughter, Mestres Jane Walton, my best gown and kyrtill of right satyn and my frontlett. To my daughter Mestres Margery Roo, my second best gown. To Sir Thomas Barrett, my priest, a standing cup with the image of Thomas Beckett in the bothome and my chalice. To Sir James Smythe, my gostly father· a litle ale cup, a fetherbed, 2 pare of shetes, one of 3 levys, and the other of 2 leves, and 5 nobles to sing for me. To Margery Attewe, widow, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Julyane Attewe, £5 to help to marry her. To Hugh Savage 40*s.* To Isabell Fastar 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue, my son Master Stephen Pycke, executor.

Overseers: Master John Walton and Sir Thomas Barrett.

Witnesses: Sir James Smythe, Sir Thos. Barrett, Thomas Uppam, Thomas Penny, Thomas Clercke, and Peter Mede.

Proved June 26th, 1540.

1540. JOHN WILLETT.

[10 ALENGER.]

May 23rd, 1540. John Wyllet of the parish of Lutcombe [*sic*] co. Somerset, clothmaker. To be buried in the church of St. Michael the Archangell of Butcombe. To the cathedral church of Wells, 6*d.* To the church of Butcombe, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the sepulture light there 12*d.* To the church of Wrington 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Blagdon 5*s.* To each of my children, viz., Henry, William, Thomas, John the elder, John the younger, Annes, Isabel, Johanne, and Annes the younger, 20*s.* To my son John Wyllet the younger £10 more to buy him some

purchase withal. To Johanne Weke my servant 40*s.* to her marriage. To John Wyllet son of William Willet of Bristowe 20*s.* to his marriage. To Johan Willett, my servant, daughter of John Willett the elder, to her marriage, 40*s.*

Residue: Margery my wife, executrix.

Overseers: John Baber, Thomas Willett.

Witnesses: William Ketingale, parson of the said parish of Butcombe, Henry Busshe of the parish of Wrington, and John Hypsley of Butcombe.

Proved August 20th, 1540.

1540. WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

[10 ALENGER.]

July 10th, 1540. William Saunders of the parish of Yatton. To be buried in the church of Yatton. To my mother Margery 20 wethers. To John Saunders the same. To Thomas Waile three weȝght of woll. To Richard Wayle a steyre. To Prede church 6*s.* 8*d.* To West Harttre church 6*s.* 8*d.* To a priest to pray for me 8 marks. To John Erolle a kow. To my wife, all goods which were hers before I married her which John Wayle left her. To my two daughters Margaret and Agnes all the stuff of my house at Prede. To John Sherborn a cow, left him by his mother my wife. To Thomas Saunders, 20 wedders.

Residue: to my wife Jone and my daughters Margaret and Agnes, my executors.

Overseers: Thomas Saunders, my brother, John Lane of Prede and John Erobe of Yatton.

Witnesses: Robert Cocke, priest, Thos. Saunders, John Erole, and John Willing.

Proved August 20th, 1540.

1540. JOHN MAWDELEY.

[17 ALENGER.]

July 20th, 1540. John Mawdeley the elder, of Wells. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Cuthberts of Wells before the high aulter where rest the bodies of my children

deceased. To the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the high aulter of St. Cuthbert for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Guylde of the Blessed Trynytie in the same church 20*s.* to be praid for there with other benefactors. To every other altar in the said church 12*d.* To the said church to Gods service there my best Chaleys, a sute of vestments of cloathe of golde. To the Maister and Coïaltie of the towne of Wells to the maintenance of their comen rents and landes £20, they to keep one yearly anniversary or obit in the said church for 10 yeares bestowing to six preests 4*d.* each, to three clerkes 9*d.*, to the bedeman 2*d.*, and to the churchwardens 8*a.* To the maister of the said towne, for distribution of bredd at every obit, 10*s.* To the said Maister and Coïaltie my tenement in Chaumberlen Street in Wells, in which my cousin Richard Mawdeley dwelleth, to keep an anniversary in the said church on Palme Sonday and on the morrowe for my soul and the soule of Joane my wife and of William Atwater. To the Almes-house of Wells 40*s.* for an obit there to be kept during eight yeares, 5*s.* at every obit viz. :—to the chapleyn saying "Dirige" comendacions and masse pro defunctis 8*d.*, to another preest to help him 4*d.* and 1*d.* to every poor man and woman of the house being present. I will a vertuous priest sing for me in the said church for 20 years at the altars S. Erasmus, S. James or S. John, helping the quyre in daily service and three tymes the week to say 'dirige' comendations, Masse of Requiem and Masse of the Fyve Wounds w^t^ this psalme "Miserere mei Deus" and "De profundis," every Friday psalmes of the Passion and ons in the Advente and ons in the Lentte to say David Spalter. And if Sir Robert Nelyng will have the said service he shall have the house he now dwelleth in during his life and £5 yearly of my rents in the parishe of Winscombe by Axbridge to be paid by my son John Mawdeley. To amendment of the high ways towards Oky and Dulcott aboutes Wells 40*s.* To the poor of this streate and town 30 yards of cloath. My executors to pay such sums as shalbe taxed and assessed towards the first payment of the Kings silver that is, the furste fifteene within the town of Wells newe granted upon every poor householder of the same town, being none aliens, not having goods to the value of 100*s.*, and to

every such person within the towne not having goods of the said value I doo for Goddes sake remyt all such debts as they owe unto me. To Joane my wife £200 and my house.

Executors: Joane my wife and John Mawdeley my son. To the said John a standing cup having an image of Mary Magdalene and the residue of my goods. To his wife Joyce, 40 marks. To James Baker eldest son of my daughter, a standing cup, and to Edward, Jasper, John, and Mary Baker children of my said daughter Joan Baker, deceased, £40 each to their marriages. To my cosen Richard Mawdeley and his wife 20*s.*, and to his son John Mawdeley 10*s.* I remit one quarter's rent to every of my tenants in Wells. To the marriages of poor maydens £10 and to the exhibitions of poor scolers at Oxford £10. To young Elizabeth Mawdeley my son's daughter £40 at her marriage. My son John Mawdeley to have all my lands in Somerset and for default of heir, the remainder to Edward, Jasper, and John Baker equally, paying yearly to Sir Robert Nelyng £5. To my chaplain Syr Morisshe 6*s.* 8*d.* and a gown

Overseers: Maister John Cutte and Sir Robert Nelyng, my chaplain. To Margaret Asshe my mayden 40*s.*

Witnesses: Maister John Atwell maister of the town of Wells, Maister Cutte, Maister Geneys, Sir Robert Reede, my curate, Sir Robert Neling, Sir Morisshe Fyn.

Proved November 24th, 1540.

1540. JOHN WATKYNS.

[15 ALENGER.]

September 8th, 1540. John Watkyns, servant to the Bishop of Bath. To be buried in the parish church or churchyard where I die. To my two sisters Elizabeth and Alice, 20 angell nobles in the custody of my hoost Mr. Raynold. To my said sister Alice my purchase in Chewe or £6 13*s.* 4*d.* which it cost me. To Aurthur Payton a pair of harnes. To Richard Parson's wife my servant in Chewe, a gown. To John Sadler and his wife, a gown each. To my hoost and hostess at London, each of them 2 Ryalls of the 20 of mine that he hath in custody, also a cote of

Say to him and a coffer to his wife. Among my fellowes of my Lord's chamber my coffer in Wells and all therein. To Master Clerckson and Master Dogye 2 Ryalls each and to Roger Allunner one ryall. I forgive Master Higham the 20*s*. he oweth me. For distribution of bread to the poor in Chewe, 40*s*. My fellowes to have amongst them, £4. To Phillyp Andros a shirt and to John Andros a shirt wrought with gould. To Grene a shirt. To Master Clerckson the same. To William Glasier a case of knyves, and a cote of Say. To Roger Allunner a cote of Say. To Master Dogyon a shirt, my cote of skarlet, a pair of sleeves of male and a stull. To Joyce my best case of knyves.

Residue: Master George Dogyon, executor.

Witnesses: Master Richard Clerckson, Phillip Andros, Roger Alumer.

Proved November 29th, 1540.

1540. JOHN CLERKE, BISHOP.

[20 ALENGER.]

September 27th, 1540. I, John, Busshop of Bath. My body to be buried in the principall churche of the towne of Calleis and there to have suche dooles and distributions to po^r people, suche nomber of masses for my soule as shalbe seen to my welbiloved chapleyns Masters Richard Clerkeson and George Dogyon, so that the charges passe not the some of £100. I will £10 be left at the place of my buryall to be distributed there to the po^r at my monethes mynde. I will my monethes mynde be kept at the cathedral church of Wells and £40 distributed there in masses and dooles. I will myn obit be kept at Chiew and Banwell and £20 distributed in either place. To the cathedral church of Wells my mytre and fyve coppes of damaske, two white and three redd. To the King's maiestie of a Remembraunce £100 praying the same to assist myn exoũrs. To my lorde Erle of Hampton, lord pryvie seale, my two gilted standing pottes. To my lord of Sussex my mnytt and my barber's bason of sylver. To my lord of Dũnellme my best sapher in a ring wrought w^t amell for that other is but conterfet. To my lord of Winchester my belle of sylver. To my lorde Russell lorde

Admirall a basen and an ewer of sylver. To all my servants that receyved wages and lyvery of me this last yere and quarter their hoole yere's wages and borde wages for oon half yere. To my servant Thomas Cusyn, £10. To all my houshold servants and chapleyns a levery of blake clothe, to the chapleyns v yerds and thother iiiij yerds. To Master Higham my chapleyn all that he ought me of an old dette making full accompt and paying his debet upon his last medling in office. I will none other servant of mine shal be troubled for any mony that he dothe owe me. All my goodes being on thisyde the see not delyvered before my death to be disposid by myn executour whom I make for this only my servante John Pale to whom £20 for his labour and £20 for his costs in lying on this side to see the execution of the same I will my said exõur shall sende by Masters Clerkeson and Dodyon to the por Almose house in Welles, 40 marcs. I will have a gravestone and written thereupon:—*hic jacet Joñes Epũs Bathonieñ et Wellen Anglicus qui cum obiisset plures insignes legatioẽs tandẽ obiit diem suum in Legatioẽ Clevensis anno dñi mdxl.* To Thomas Clerke my brother my gowne of satten. The rest of my apparell and bedding which is here, among my servants.

Residue: to my mother and my brother Thomas Clerke, my executours, to be disposed to the preferment of Alice, Annie and Thomas, children of the said Thomas Clerke, and Alice the wife of Thomas Semarke.

Wrytten at Dunekerke in Flaunders, Joñes Epũs Bathoñ et Welleñ, Ricardus Clerkeson, Georgius Dogyon.

Proved January 17th, 1540.

1540. THOMAS TYNBERY.

[22 ALENGER.]

October 6th, 1540. Thomas Tynbery of Mynchyn Buckland. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas of Durston before the west door. To the same church 6*s.* 8*d.* to maintain a light before the Sacrament. To the chapell of Bucklande Priors, 6*s.* 8*d.* for a like light. To Sir James Muckley, 20*s.* To Johan Knowllis, 20*s.* and the bede wherein she

now lieth. To Humfry, my servant, a bed. To Sir Richard, 2*s*. To Sir Davy, 12*d*. To my son Halley, my callyd mare. To my daughter, his wife, my ryding gelding. My son John Tynbery to make a grant of one annuity of 20*s*. to Sir James Muckley and a like grant to Johan Knolles, to be taken of such lands in Somerset as my father-in-lawe Henry Thorneton had for terme of certain years of the gift of the Lady Gorge, deceased. I will that Alexander Popham, John Bulcomb, clerk, vicar of North Petherton, my son William Halley and James Muckley, clerk, sell all my plate and my mowe of whette in Wynsyll and have the occupation of my ferme of Halamp Courte in the county of Dorset and my sheep there with which to pay the debts which I owe to Peter Hymmerforde, Elizabeth Hymmerford, and Henry Totehill and the above annuities, after which my son John Tynbery to have my ferme and sheep. To the said Alexander Popham my house wherein I dwell in like form as I have it of the grant and sale of Sir Thomas Arundell, knight, high surveyor of the King's landes belonging to the late dyssolvyd howses in these west parties.

Residue: to my said son and executor John Tynbery with these debts, that is, of the vycary of Lyng 20*s*., of Hughe Rowswell £5 10*s*., and of John Cheeke 15*s*. 1*d*.

Overseer: Alexander Popham.

Proved February 3rd, 1540.

1540. EDMUND BEKHAM.

[18 Alenger.]

November 16th, 1540. Edmond Bekham, gentilman, of the Kings chapel. My body to be buried in the parish church of Seynt Ellyns. To the high altar there 20*d*. To Master William Crane a salte, the fote of hit sylver and gilt, the salt burrall, the cover silver and gilt and a case of lether to close yt in. To Mastres Margaret Crane his wife two litle Dansse cuppis of silver to close and to shytto or to make two salts of them. To Margaret Haukyns sometime wife of Robert Hawkyns sometime of the Kings chapel, 10*s*. To Nicholas Alwhyn goldsmith at the Sterr in Chepeside and to his wife 20*s*. To

Maistres Danyell in Bassing Halle 10*s.* To Mr. Richard Brampston at Wells a ring of gold with a Cornell. To Sir Thomas Edyngton Curat of St. Ellyns my gostly father, 10*s.* To John Harrow, clerk, of St. Ellyns and to his wife 10*s.*

Residue, to my father Robert Bekham and my sister Alice Bekham in Wells, my executors.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Edyngton, Sir Nicholas Lamere, Sir Thomas Wynstanley, and William Curtt.

Proved December 4th, 1540.

1540. JOYCE STURGEN.

[31 ALENGER.]

January 23rd, 1540. Joyce Sturgen. To be buried in holy ground where I die. For my burial with dirige and masse 13*s.* 4*d.* My executors, Master Thomas Ballgaye petty canon of Powles and Thomas Martyn my fellow, to receive all my goods here in London and in Somersetshire in the keeping of Master Dogyn late chaplain to the Bishop of Bath, with a certain cofer in my chamber in Wells within my Lord's palace. They also shall receive my wages and board wages with the bequest that my master the Bishop of Bath gave unto me as he dyde, my Company being beyonde See with him. To Master Balgaye a great redd coverlet of Yselonde cloth.

Residue: Master Thomas Ballgay and Thomas Martyn.

Overseer: Master John Baptist, chauntrye priste of Poules to whom a pewter basonne and a Candelstick of Latten.

Witnesses: Thomas Hebbe, Edward Wigan, Richard Hoperũ, John Thorpe.

Proved July 6th, 1541.

1540. ROBERT STYLE.

[34 ALENGER.]

March 10th, 1540. Robert Style, maior of the City of Bath. To be buried in the churchyard of Stalles within the said city. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* To John Style mine eldest son £40 and my house in Stalles parish. To Thomas Style my son £40, and all my shop stuff equally between them. If they

die, the above to Johan my wife. My said wife Johan to have the above goods till my sons be married. To Johan my wife my farm of Bathwyke with the mylls. To John Sachfelde and John Cleoment aldermen 6*s.* 8*d.* each to be overseers.

Residue: Johan my wife, executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Gylbert Woodwarde my curate, Henry Savell, John Sachefelde, John Cleoment aldermen, Henry Bewswyn gentilman, William Romsey, Richard Fyssher and Robert Mary. Proved September 9th, 1541.

1541. HUGH VEYSIE.

[28 ALENGER.]

March 26th, 1541. Hughe Veysie vicar choral of the cathedral church of Wells. My body to Christian burial. To the said cathedral church, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the repair of the vestments of our Lady chappell behind the high altar, 5*s.*, and of St. Martyn's chapel, 20*d.* To the Close Hall for the repair of such vestments as the place is bound to repair, 26*s.* 8*d.* To the Stocke of the Close Hall, 6*s.* 8*d.* for Nycholas Marshall sometime vicar there. To Thomas Smithe of Bristowe, 10*s.* To Johane my sister's servant a newe petycot of cloth, a newe smocke, a newe paire of hoose and a newe pair of shues. To my nevew William Colway certain plate and money to the value of £20. To my cousin Sir Richard Scotson, priest, 20*s.* of his debt, a russet gown furred with blacke lambe and all my bookes, my masse booke excepted. To the parish church of Puclechurche, a pair of vestments and my masse booke. To my godson, Cuthbert Bulman, a spoon of silver with a seale in the knappe. To Alyce, daughter of Robert Colway, a harnest gurdell. To Master John Uvedale overseer of my will, a goblet. To Master Richard Erington, canon residentiary of Wells, a little goblet, my best surples and a pair of andirons standing in the hall. To my sister Margery the value of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* of my household stuff. To the poor of Puclechurche, £10.

Executors: Master Richard Erington and Robert Colway, my nephew.

Witnesses: Sir Andrewe Thorne, Sir John Lambert, Sir Thos. Hooper, priests vicars choral of Wells. Proved May 10th, 1541.

1541. THOMAS CHARD, BP.

[17 PYNNYNG.]

October 1st, 1541. In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Bysshope of Solubrie make my will and testament in manner folowing. Firste, I bequeathe my soule to Allmighty God, Our Lady Saint Mary and all the saincts in heaven and my boddie to be buryed where it please God. All suche temporall goods that I have, I gyve to the poore and needy people by the ordeñnce of Roger Hill, Xpofer Wylkyns and Isabell his wief reserving £6 13*s.* 4*d.* for their labours, also all suche thinges that I have gyven with my hands, as, to my servant Sir William Wynter a sallte of silver withe a coover parcell gilte and a silver cupp with a cover and the bedde that he liethe yn with apourteñnce. To the colledge churche of Sainte Mary Oterey a cup of silver and gillte. To the churche of St. Mary Magdalen in Taunton, 6*s.* 8*d.* and a dammaske cope and to the two servyces of the same churche 2*s.* To the churches of Wellington, Holberton, Saint Gorram and Saint Gluas in Cornewaile, and Litle Torrington, to each an aungell noble. My debts are thies, firste, Mr. Robert Gibes owithe me £57 17*s.* 8*d.* as it appearithe in Doctor Peter's booke. Item, Worser, 10*s.* Item, Edmunde Abree, 20*s.* Item, Lardcombe of Chardstoke, 40*s.* Item, William Grenehm̃ of Norton, 10*s.* Item, Mr. Bell registre of Wells, £4. Item, Henry Symbarde owithe me £3 whiche I doo give to my kynnesman John Williams towards his learning.

To this bearith witnes, William Wynter, William Harvie and John Edwardes, preestes, wt oother.

Proved November 4th, 1544.

1541. MARGARET HORSSEY.

[6 SPERT.]

March 8th, 1541. Margaret Horssey of Tawnton, wydow. My body to be buried in the church of Mary Mawdelyn of Taunton. To the high aulter of the same churche, 6*s.* 8*d.* To

the high crosse service and the sepulcre service there, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of St. Androw in Wells, 12*d.* To the service of our Lady and Saynt Katheryn in the church of Seynt James in Taunton, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Bronefyld, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Sicke Leprye people in the hospitall of St. Margaret and St. Katheryn nighe Taunton, 10*s.* To the reparacions of high wayes nighe Taunton, £10. Among poor people in Taunton, £10 at the day of my burial and monthes mynde. To William Horssey my best cover with his cover. To Barnard Smyth in Totynes a standing cup. To my daughter Isbell Smyth his wife my best girdell with the buckell and the pendent. To Robert, son of William Horssey, six spones with greate knoppes, a flocke bedd half a garnyshe of pewter vessels, a cobberd, two latten basons, thre brason crockes and two tableclothes thone thereof dyaper, etc. To Alice, daughter of William Horssey, my gyrdell with the blake velvet with bossis and chaynis, my best beads, my best boole pece of sylver, my best gown furred with shanks, a kyrtell, vj kerchers and a cappe, etc. To Johane, daughter of William Horsey, a girdell, a demye with a chayne, and a gowne lyned with taffata, etc. To Isbell, daughter of William Horssey, a girdle with buckle and pendente, a flate pece parcell gilte, a horne garnished with silver gilt, my gowne lyned fyne wolsted, a coffer of sypresse, etc. To the forsaid Robert and Isbell, 100 marks each. Where there is six score pounds bequeathed by the legacy of John Joys, my son, deceased, betwixt Alice and Johane, daughters of the said William Horssey, I bequeath to each of them £6 13*s.* 4*d.* accomplishing to each 100 marks, the said £120 accompted the same. And if any of the said Robert, Alice, Johane and Isbell die before they be marrigeable, their legacy to remain to their father.

The residue to the said William Horssey, my son, my executor.

Overseers: Roger Fauntlaroy, George Hendley, Nicholas Broune and John Lauryn.

Witnesses: Sir John Rowsewell, curate, William Vyney, Roger Fauntlaroy, George Hendley, Nicholas Broune, John Lawryn.

Proved May 26th, 1542.

1542. THOMAS WARRE.

[11 SPERT.]

May 5th, 1542. Thomas Warre, esquire. My body to be buried in the church at Kyngiston, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar there 6*s.* 8*d.* To the maintenance of the torches 20*d.* To the bells, 20*d.* To the high aulter 3*s.* 4*d.* To the churches of Monkton and Cheddon 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the church of Bromefyld 20*d.* To the marriage of my three daughters 600 marks equally among them, each having four marks yearly to their finding until they shall have received their marriage money. To each of my sons £40 and four marks yearly for their finding till they shall have received their said portions. To Christian my wife all the goods that were her mother's, and she to have the parsonage of Kyngiston for my term of years to come, so long as she live sole. And if she marry or die before the end of my term, my son John to have the parsonage. To my said wife all the corn in the barns at the said parsonage. To my servant Richard Clowter my black gown, a black satten doublet, a black jackett, and all my black cappes of cloth. To Raynold my servant, my cloth gown gardyd with tawny velvet. The residue to my son Richard Warre, executor, and if he refuse to execute my will, my brother Richard Chidley and my cosens John Wyndham, Alexander Popham, and Michell Malett, to be executors and to take as much of the issues of my lands and tenements as the Law will permit for the execution of my will, until my said heir and executor Richard Warre shall make such surety unto them for the performance of my will as shall be convenient. Provided my sons shall be ordered by my said executor and my said trusty friends until they come to 24 years of age, and my daughters likewise in marriage.

Witnesses: Roger Cluett, esquire, John Verney, gentleman, Richard Geoffrye, vicar of Kyngiston, Richard Clowter.

Proved November 2nd, 1542.

1542. ROBERT CHYKE.

[11 SPERT.]

July 9th, 1542. Robert Chyke of the parish of Bruttñ co. Somerset. My body to be buried in halowed grounde where yt please God the lyf shall departe from it. To our mother churche in Welles 12*d.* To the parish church in Bruttñ 6*s.* 8*d.* To the performance and bylding of the newe crosse 20*s.* To the Brotherhed of Our Lady 3*s.* 4*d.* To Alice my wife in money or else in such stuff as belongeth to my occupying in my house, £66 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Chike my eldest son £13 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Chyke prentice in London £26 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Chyke prentice in London £26 13*s.* 4*d.* To Nicholas £20. To Annes £20. To Robert Chyke son to William Chike my godson £6 13*s.* 4*d.* If any die before he come to lawful age, his bequest to remain to the survivors. And that I have gevyn to Robert Chyke son of William Chyke shall remayn to his next eldyst brother yf God take hym before the age of twenty yeres. My wife to have the use of my ground called Collyns heyse during her life and after her days, the years then to come to be sold, both ground, wood and trees, and the benefits to be divided among my said children. Also the time that I have the Capelond I give to my wife. I will that a true Inventary be made of my goods and brought to one gross sum to perform my will. To William Chyke my eldest son, my best gown, doublet and jerkyn, my sorell gelding which I used to ride. To John Chyke my son, my white mare with her foal and thencresse of her, tyll he come owte of hys yeres of prentyshod, and so long she with her ofspring to be pastured in Collyns heyse, and then he to have them thens and so to use them as he lyst. To William Chyke the younger, my baye horsse callyd my stalyn, wylling suche as shalhave the rule of my wyll to se hym usyd to the best behofe for the pfytt of the por ladde. To Nicholas my sorell mare with her colt. To Alice my daughter wife of William Cottisholde £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my brother Stephyn Chike a gown cloth of mouster coler and a furr of blake lambe. To Olyver my servant above his wages 6*s.* 8*d.* To every of my mayde servants above their wages 20*s.* The residue to be

equally divided to these five children, William, John, William, Nicholas, and Annes, my executors.

Overseers: my good lady Fitz-jamys, to whom 40*s.* desiring her ladyship to be friendly to my wife and children, and William my eldest son.

Witness: Richard Antell, curate of Bruton.

Proved November 7th, 1542.

1542. THOMAS ARTHURE.

[10 PYNNYNG.]

October 7th, 1542. Thomas Arthure of Clopton co. Somerset, esquire. My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Porteshed to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Clopton 6*s.* 8*d.* To Anne my wife 100 marks which is in the hands of her mother so long that she bring my body honestly in earth according to my degree and keep my month and twelvemonth mind and pay all other funeral expenses. To Thomas Arthure my second son £40. To George Arthure my third son £40, which sums of money are in the hands of Thomas Launsden my brother and he to pay them when they come to 21 years of age. To Anne Arthure my daughter to her marriage £50, levied of my manor of Clopton. I will that John Bulbecke and Giles Dodyngton gentlemen receive £10 yearly of the said manor until they have fully received the said £50. If any of my said two younger sons or my daughter die before the age of 21 years his or her bequest to remain to the survivors. And if they all die, as God defend, their legacies to remain to Edmunde Arthure my brother and to his heirs forever. I will that the said John Bulbecke and Giles Dodyngton shall take £6 yearly of my manor of Northweston co. Somerset to the finding of my said two sons and daughter until they come to the age of 21 years or marry. To my said brother Edmund Arthur £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the said John Bulbecke, Giles Dodyngton and my brother Thomas Launsdon 40*s.* each. To John Launsden, Thomas Hopkynnes, Roger Lowle, John Everode and William Redhedd my servants, 40*s.* each, which legacies I will be paid at my month's mind. To

the said William Redhedd the reversion of William Stalpde his house and of all lands that he holdeth of me. I will that John Arthure my son and heir apparent when he come to the age of 21 years shall make him a good deed of the said grant for the term of his life, yielding to the said John Arthure like rent and service as the said William Stalparde now beareth. To the parson of Weston my ghostly father 6*s.* 8*d.*

The residue to Anne my wife.

Executors: John Bulbecke and Giles Dodingtonne.

Overseer: Thomas Launsden.

Witnesses: Edward Gorges, knight, Edmunde Percyvall, esquire, Richard Bythemore, William Oldemixe, Leonard Borne, Edmund Bithemore, gentlemen, Sir William Adams, parson of Weston, John Launsden, John Polle and Richard Feylond.

Proved July 7th, 1544.

1542. THOMAS WEST.

[18 Spert.]

November 15th, 1542. Sir Thomas West parson of Chelworth in the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the chauncel of Chelworth, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the chapell of Chewe 3*s.* 4*d.* To the bretherhed of Keynsham 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Olde Sadbery 3*s.* 4*d.* To the churches of Farnborowe, Lyttelton, Clutton, Staunton Drewe, Pensford and Publowe 20*d.* each. I will that an honest priest say masse for my soul and all christian souls for one year having for his labour and for singinge bred wyne and waxe £5 13*s.* 4*d.*; he to be provided by the discretion of maister Thomas Trewbody. To John West servant to our Soveraigne Lord the King £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To William West of the parish of Abston £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Roger West, John West and Thomas West sons of my brother John West £3 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To Agnes daughter of Thomas West 20*s.* To her sister 20*s.* To John son of Thomas West 20*s.* To each of my godchildren 8*d.*

The residue to my godson Thomas West of Abston, William Puppyn of Colley, John Cockes and Isabell Tewe of Chelworthe,

my executors, who shall make penny dole at my burial and months mynd to all poor people resorting then.

Overseer: Master Thomas Trewbody. I will all goods bequeathed to John Cockes, one of my executors, remain in the custody of Richard Parsons of Chelworth and of William Puppyn of Colley until he be 24 years of age.

Witnesses: Maister Thomas Trewbody parson of Norton: Thomas Sholbroke of Norton, Richard Parsons, John Parsons of Chelworth and John Hoogeys of Farborowe.

Proved April 13th, 1543.

1542. JOHN TYLLIE.

[1 PYNNYNG.]

January 20th, 1542. John Tyllie of the parish of Hutton My body to be buried in the churchyard of Or Lady in Hutton. To the church of St. Andrewe at Wells, 4*d.* To the high altar of Hutton, 4*d.* To Elizabeth, my wife, £3, which I delivered to her at my last being, with a panne, ij platters, ij pottingers, a brand yron, an axe and a spade. To Elizabeth, my son's daughter, my great panne.

The residue to Robert Tylle, my son, executor.

Witnesses: George Paine, gentleman, John Bennet, John Offer and Thomas Squier.

Proved January 19th, 1543.

1542. THOMAS INGLER.

[26 SPERT.]

February 25th, 1542. Thomas Ingler of Charde, co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the church of Chard before the aulter of Saint Katheryn. To the cathedral church of Wells, 4*d.* To the vicar of Charde for tithes forgotten, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Charde to have my name written in the bedde roll and to be praied for, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Pyll, my curate, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Peers and Sir Robert Stempte, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To Emme, my wife, my close called Crowell Close in the south part of the town of Charde betwixt the ground called the Towne

mede in the est parte and the lane called Crowell Lane which leedith unto Crymchard felde on the southe parte and a close belonging to the service of Our Lady in the church of Chard and now in the hands of Thomas Aulston on the northe parte, to have and hold to the said Emme and her heirs for ever. To Alice Longe, my servant, £10. To my servant Katheryn, 20*s.* to be paid in woode. To William Bartlett, John Colyns, Thurstan Carswell, Willm Slade, Richard Hyett and Elyanor Redgounde, a measure of woode each.

The residue to Emme, my wife, executrix.

Overseer: William Clap.

Witnesses: Sir John Pyll, curate, John Selwood and Water Gachell. Yoven in Charde.

Proved October 25th, 1543.

1542. JOHN SOUTHWOOD.

[20 SPERT.]

March 16th, 1542. John Sowthwood, priest, canon residence of the cathedral church of St. Andrew in Wells. My body to be buried in the said cathedral church. To the fabrick of the said church, 3*s.* 4*d.* To every ministre of the said church at my funerall, 20*d.* To the maister of the town of Wells and to the ministres of the parish church of St. Cuthbert, to kepe an obit at the day of my burial, 20*s.* To the priests and clerks of the parish church of Mertock to kepe an obit for my soule there as soon as they shall hear of my death, 10*s.* To the poor of Mertock, 3*s.* 4*d.* on the day of my obit. To each of my servants Morys Marten, John Coke, Thomas Tynbye, Blasc Rodberd and William Richards, his quarter's wages due at Midsomer next and 10*s.* each. To John Tyler, por man of my kechyn, 3*s.* 4*d.* All these servants to have meate and drynke in my house for 8 dayes after my buriall. To Elyonor Bowthe oon blak wustayd gowne. To Richard Blechley a blak wusted cote. To Thomas Sowthwoode, my brother, a fetherbed, a bolster and the coverlet on my bedde in the parlour. I will that at my burial there be dealyd in bred of thre to a peny, 26*s.* 8*d.*

The residue to William Lucas my brother-in-law, George Nosse and Thomas Blecheley, my executors.

Overseers: Maister George Dogyon Chauntour and resident of the said cathedral church and Doctor Edgeworthe, canon resident of the same church, to each of whom 20*s.* and a gilte spone.

Witnesses: Maister George Dogyon, Maister Roger Edgeworth, Sir William Nedys and Sir John Pydsley.

Proved May 10th, 1543.

1542. JOHN EXHALL.

[23 SPERT.]

1542. John Exhall of Bruham in the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the chapel of St. John Baptist in the parish church of Bruham, in the north ile of the said chapel. To the church of St. Andrew in Wells, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the brotherhed of Bruham, a kowe and a paire of vestments. To the high roode light there, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir John Tanner, curate there, 20*d.* To Sir Robert Wells, 20*d.* To the parishe clerke there, 8*d.* To John James, a yerling of twelmonth age. To Stephen Twyney, a bullock of twoo yeres age.

The residue to Alice, my wife, my executrice.

Overseers: Thomas Tabor and John Starye.

Witnesses: Sir John Tanner, curate, Sir Robert Wells, William Hill, Thomas Tabor, John Itary, and John Barbour, Stocke Clerke.

Proved August 1st, 1543.

1543. EDWARD SYDENHAM.

[3 PYNNYNG.]

May 21st, 35 Hen. VIII. Edwarde Sydenham. My body to be brought and buried in holy grave. To the church of Dulverton to be prayed for, 20*s.* To each of my godchildren, 12*d.* To Sir John Slocoke to be prayed for, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parsonne of Brusheforde, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Sir John Hooper, 16*d.* To Sir John Berde, clerc, of Dulverton, 2*s.* To the church of

Brusheforde, 6*s.* 8*d.* To George Sydenham, my son, £10. To Thomas Sydenham, son of John Sydenham, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the rest of John Sydenham's children, 40*s.* each. To John Cowoode at Northe Ende in the parish of Culmestocke, 2*s.* Unto 12 poor men, 12*d.*

The residue to Jane, my wife, and John, my son, executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Slococke, Rafe Jose, Edwarde Chamberleyne.

And further that after my decease the moiety of all my lands and tenements in the city of Exeter shall remain to George Sidenham, my son, and to his heirs and for default of issue, to John Sidenham, my son, and his heirs. The other moiety to the said John Sydenham and his heirs for ever.

Proved February 12th, 1543.

1543. THOMAS BURGES.

[25 SPERT.]

July 24th, 1543. Thomas Burges of Lye uppon Mendyppe. My body to be buried in the churchyarde of Hatisbury yf I die there, but if I die at Lye I will be buried there. To my mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of Hatisbury to be praid for 6*s.* 8*d.* To every pourehouse of Lye and Wellys where my executrix shall judge to be nede 4*d.* To Thomas and James my sonnes £20 each. To Elynore my daughter £10, and if they die within the age of 22 yere, their bequests to remain to my executrix. To John Burges, my prentice, a trucker cloth and 20*s.*, and I will he be released of his covenants. I will that Stevyn Legate, my prentice, be also released, and to him 20*s.* To Maister John Shene, my gostly father, 5*s.*

Residue: to Margery my wife, executrix.

Witnesses: Maister John Shene, curate of Hatisbury, Thomas Ashlock of the same towne, John Colys of Lye.

Proved September 28th, 1543.

1543. JOHN WEST.

[6 PYNNYNG.]

September 6th, 1543. John West, doctor in divinity and vicar of the parish church of Ringwode in the diocese of Winchester. My body to be buried before the high altar in the parish church of Our Lady Stalles in the city of Bath. First, my debts to be paid. My exequies in the day of my burial to be done in the said church by ten priests, each having 8*d.* My month's mind to be kept at these three places, Stalles, Ringwode and Harebridge. To the mother church of Winchester 20*d.* To the cathedral church of Sarum 12*d.* To every of the lights in the church of Ringwode, viz., Saint Mary light, Saint James light, Saint John the baptiste light, Saint Nicholas light and the Crowne light 2*d.*, or the value in wex. To the same church a grene cope of silke or else my cope of cloth ymperiall. To the church of Harebridge my whole vestments with the bulles. I forgive my nephew Thomas Daker all debts and I bequeath to him all such lands belonging to me as he knoweth with all the evidences belonging. To Sir John Baker my nephew all my sermons written with mine own hand. To Alyce my sister my two kine with all hyves and swarmes of bees in my vicarage of Ringwood and my second gold ring. To my sister Christine a gilt cup, my best gold ring, six silver spoons (two with knoppes be in the keeping of my sister Alyce), and six cusshynnes in the keeping of my Lord Awdeley. To my niece Edith to her marriage a goblet parcel gilt, a saulte with a cover, a mazer, a fetherbed, half a garnish of pewter vessell being in my studie or in the custody of my sister Alyce) two croocks, two cawdrones and two pannes. To Richard Lettsam my kinsman all my grammer bookes for his learning and my furred gown. The residue to Maister William Sherwode, parson of Coldaiston, and William Lettsam, my kinsman, executors. Overseers: John Higdon, gentleman, and Master William Dowsing, vicar of Forde. To the said Master Hogdon an aungell noble and to Maister doctor Dawsing my skarlett hoodde furred with mynyver.

Witnesses: Nicholas Bathe als Jobyns my gostely father, vicar of Stalles, William Cupper, William Rumsey and Mathewe Crosse. Proved April 29th, 1544.

1543. JOHN WALGRAVE.

[26 Spert.]

September 7th, 35 Hen. VIII. John Walgrave, esquier. To the high aulter of the same church [? Sudbury, Suffolk] for my tithes necligently forgotten, 20*d.* My body to be buried in the said church of All Saints and oon bell to be tollyd without any rynging and also at my "dirige" and masse the great bell to be tollyd w'out any rynging. I will that four of my servants shall bere me to the church, having 4*s.* To poure people of Sainte Gregories and Sainte Peters, 13*s.* 4*d.* And as concernyng my vii^th^ day and xxx^th^ day I putt it unto the discretõn of myn exoũrs. To Robert Waldgrave and John, my sonnes, £4 eche of a yerely annuytie owt of my manor of Spaxston payed by my exoũrs at twoo termes in the yere, that is at the Annunciacon of our Lady and at the feast of Saint Mighell tharchaungell or within foure wekes therof. And if their said annuyties be not haulfe yerely paid them then I will that they into the said manor of Spaxston to entre and distrayn and the distresse so taken to leade dryve beire and carye away and that to imparke pownde and price detayne and witholde untill they be fully satisfied of their said annuyties. My exoũrs to kepe my said sonnes honestly untill they come to xxi yeres and then they to have their said annuyties. To Mary Waldgrave and Anne, my daughters, 100 marks each at their mariages, so that they be ruled and maried honestly by the assent of my exoũrs. And if they will not be advertised by my said exoũrs, they to have nothinge of my said bequests but by the discrecion of my exoũrs. To Fraunces and John, my servants, their holeyeres wages eche, to be paid at my xxx^th^ daye, that is, Fraunces 40*s.* and John 26*s.* 8*d.* I forgeve James Lowe and Richard Leeffe all suche money that they owe me.

The residue to my executours, my wife and my son Edward Waldgrave.

Overseer: my father, Edward Waldgrave.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Elys, priest, James Love, Fraunces Wilde.

Proved October 19th, 1543.

1543. JOHN ALLEYNG.

[5 PYNNYNG.]

September 12th, 1543. John Alleyng of the parish of Wrington. My body to be buried in the church of Wrington. To St. Andrew church in Wells, 4*d.* To the parish church of Wrington, a bushel of wheat. To the high altar, 4*d.* To our Lady service, a cow. To my six sons, William, the elder, Edmunde, Richarde, Thomas, John and William, the younger, 20 marks each at their marriages. If my wife marry she to find surety for the fulfilment of the above bequests. If any die, his part to be distributed for his soule and all Christian souls "accordinge as hiering a priste for dĩ annum." To Johan, my daughter, 6 ewes. To each of my godchildren, 4*d.*

The residue to Agnes, my wife, executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Bede, curate, Richarde Alleyng aforesaid, my brother William Lawraunce, John my son the elder.

Overseers: Richard Allyng foresaid, William Lawraunce, Richard Whatley of Byrington [Burrington] and John, my son, the elder.

Proved April 4th, 1544.

1543. RICHARD CHAPLINGE.

[3 PYNNYNG.]

October 12th, 1543. Richard Chaplinge, the elder, of Taunton. My body to be buried in the Ilde of St. Nicholas in the parish church of St. James nigh Taunton. To the high altar there, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the service of our Lady there, 20*s.* To the service of St. Katherin there "quamdam parcellam terre." To the church of St. Andrew in Wells, 4*d.* To Cristian, my eldest daughter, £40. To Annastace, my daughter, £40; the said legacies to remain in the custody of Alson, my wife, until they be married, and if they die, to be divided between my two sons, Nicholas and John. To Nicholas, £40. To John, my son, £40. To the repair of Toone bridge, 20*s.* To the prisoners of Ilchester, 2*s.* To every of the almes people in the almes housen

of Mary Mawdelyn and St. James, 1*d.* To the lazer people of the hospital of St. Margaretes nigh Taunton, 12*d.*

The residue to Alson, my wife, executrix.

Overseers: Roger Faũtelery and Robert Hill.

Witnesses: Alexaunder Boolle, clerk, Roger Faũtelery, Robert Hill, Symonde Gibbons, Richard Gilman.

And if it chance my two sons not to return with my substance which I have with them beyond the sea, their legacies to be of none effect but their reward to be at the discretion of my executors and overseers.

Proved February 16th, 1543.

1543. WILLIAM REYNES.

[2 PYNNYNG.]

January 7th, 1543. William Reynes of the parish of Chew, husbandman. My body to be buried in the church of Chewe for which, 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the same church. To my mother church of Wells, 4*d.* To Isabell Lovell, my servant, one cow. To the church of Bladdon, one hundred of leade which is in the hands of John Hamis. To the church of Comtonmarton, one hundred of Leade in the hands of William Wykes. To each of my godchildren, 4*d.*

The residue to Johan, my wife, and Thomas Raynes, my brother's son, executors.

Overseers: Master Doggeson Chaunter of Wells and vicar of this parish of Chewe and my brother John Raynes of the parish of Fostcolte.

Witnesses: Nychãs Wilson, curate of Chewe, John Jones and John Smythe.

Proved January 8th, 1543.

1543. JOHN BORNE.

[7 PYNNYNG.]

February 3rd, 1543. John Borne the elder of Beckington. My body to be buried in the parish church of Beckington. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* To the parish church of

Beckington, 20*s.* To my wife Cristian all goods that were hers before I married her and £9.

The residue to my sons, John Borne, the elder, and John Borne, the younger, executors.

Witnesses: John Ashelocke, parson there, John Hammonde and Thomas Chaunsler.

Proved May 19th, 1544.

1544. JOHN BURNELL.

[18 PYNNYNG.]

September 16th, 1544. John Burnell of Poyntington, esquire. My body to be buried in the parish church of Poyntington before the image of All Saintes. To the mother church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Evill 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Poyntington 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parson of Poyntington for the breaking of the ground in the chauncell there 6*s.* 8*d.* To six poor men six black gowns to bear the six torches at my burying and at my month's mind. I will have a penny dole to all poor people at my burying. I will some honest priest shall sing for me "a yere two or thre or mo yeres yn the Ile of Our Ladye at Poynctington," having a sufficient salary and wages. I will have at my burying a Trentall of Prestes masses to be sung at the church of Pointington if so many that day may be had, or else the Trentall to be finished at the month's mind. My executrix to distribute by hand to five of my poor neighbours 8*d.* each above the dole, that is to William Miller, John Tayler and too others or to five others in their absence discreetly chosen. To Robert Staunton my servant my best gown of cloth. To the vicar of Woborne 6*s.* 8*d.* The residue to Dorothee my wife, executrix.

Overseer: My cousin William Porteman.

Witnesses: Sir John Maister, clerke, William Portman, sergeaunt in the Lawe, Robert Staunton and Richard Dyer.

Proved November 20th, 1544.

1544. HENRY ROBERTS.

[27 PYNNYNG.]

September 19th, 1544. Henry[1] Robertes. My body to be buried in the chauncell of S. Gregorye in the parish (church) of Fylton otherwise called Whychurch, co. Somerset, in the diocese of Bath and Wells. The residue of all my goods to Elizabeth my wife, Thomas my son and George my younger son, my executors, and if any of these two children die before lawful age, his part to remain to the other.

Overseer: Sir William Jonys.

Witnesses: Sir William Jonys curate of the parish, William Hasyll, Thomas Heyns, John Roberts.

Proved May 12th, 1545.

1544. THOMAS STROWDE.

[24 PYNNYNG.]

October 20th, 36 Hen. VIII. Thomas Strowde, esquier, one of the gentleman ushers to the Queen's grace. In that it hath pleased the king's majesty's highness to appointe me to doo his grace and his realm service in his warres on the see . . . I make my will in manner following. My body to be buried where it please God. My whole right and estate in my farm and parsonage of Butley and Balsborough to Andrewe Wadham, esquire, one of the gentleman ushers to the Queen's grace, so that he pay to John Strowde my brother £20, and to Elizabeth Hewyke £20, which I owe. To Thomas Whiting £5. The residue to my executor John Strowde my brother.

Overseer: Richard Weston gentleman of the Mydle Temple in London.

Proved March 24th, 1544.

1544. THOMAS PINGE.

[43 PYNNYNG.]

November 8th, 1544. Thomas Pyng, husbandman, of the parish of Holewell co. Somerset. My body to be buried in

[1] "Hary" in filed will.

christianmans buriall where it please God. To Alice my wife my house and land with all household stuff so long as she is widow. To William Pyng my eldest son my hole plough with oxen, cart and all that longith to it. To Richard Pyng my son six of the best beasts that I have. To Harry Pyng my son the six beasts more next the best I have. To William Pyng the younger four beasts. To each of my three daughters 20 sheep. The residue to Alice Pyng my wife, executrix.

Witnesses: John Smythe vicar of Egham, Richard Rundell and William Harding.

Proved November 21st, 1545.

1544. ROGER HILL.

[7 ALEN.]

January 6th, 1544. Roger Hill marchaunt of Taunton. My body to rest in the church of Mary Magdaleyn in Taunton. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the high altar in Mawdlyn church 20*s.* To the high cross service and sepulchre service there 6*s.* 8*d.* to each. To Our Lady service of St. James by Taunton 10*s.* and to St. Kateryn's service there 10*s.* To Our Lady service in Lyme 3*s.* 4*d.* To the repair of the Cobbe there 3*s.* 4*d.* A priest to sing in Mawdlyn church for 20 years having £6 a year. To Sir Robarte Rede my ghostly father 20*s.* To every priest coming to my burying and saying a mass 12*d.* To every priest in Mawdlyn church 20*d.* To poor at my burial and at the "moneth ende" £100. To my daughter Alice £100 if she be married and ruled by the advice of my executors or else her bequest to be divided between my sons William and Robert and my daughter Margaret. To my daughter Jone late at Buckelande 40*s.* No implements of my house to be removed by my wife viz., "table bourdes, cubbourds, greate chests and hangings" in every chamber, hall and parlour. To John Hill is children £4. To John Toose's children £4. To each of my godchildren 12*d.* To John Hill my eldest son a packe of warecloth. To Alexander Togwell my son-in-law the same.

Residue: To Margery my wife, my executrix.

Overseers: William Portman, esquire, serjaunt at the law and Alexander Togwell my son-in-law.

Witnesses: William Portman esquier Robart Rede vicar of Mawdeleyne, Alexander Togwell, John Tusse and William Halley. My wife to be bound by obligation in £1,000 to perform my will; if not, my four children, William, Robert, Margaret and Alice to be my executors and to have the residue of my goods.

Witnesses: William Portman, John Soper, William Halleye, Sir Robart Rede.

Proved April 8th, 1546.

1545. ALICE GRAUNT.

[5 ALEN.]

July 5th, 1545. Alis Graunt widow of the parish of Yatton. My body to be buried in the church of Our Blessed Lady of Yatton. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the church of Yatton 20*d.* to be praid for. To the mayntenance of the chappell of St. James there 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my godchildren 8*d.* To Richard Wale of Yatton £10 and a nutt of silver and gilt. Thomas Wale the younger £10. To Davyd Warren £10. To Ursula wife of Thomas Wale thelder my best girdle and my best bedes. To Agnes Welbe my best gowne. To Isabel Warren my second best gowne and my best kyrtle. To the repair and mendinge of the high weye between the said church of Yatton and my house, 20*s.* To Alice Page 6*s.* 8*d.* A preist to be hyred for one yere to pray for me.

Residue: Thomas Wale the elder, my executor.

Overseers: William Dale, William Craddocke to whom 6*s.* 8*d.* each.

Witnesses: Sir John Danyell prist curat there, Humphrey Lette, William Cradocke and Alexander Harres.

Proved February 18th, 1545.

1545. RICHARD COGAN.

[48 ALEN.]

August 8th, 1545. Richard Cogan of Charde. My body to be buried in the parish church of Charde. To the mother

church of St. Andrew in Wells 8*d.* To the parish church of Charde 6*s.* 8*d.* To the service of our Lady 3*s.* 4*d.* To St. Katheryn service 3*s.* 4*d.* To have my name sett upon the bede roll and to be prayed for 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Cogan my son £30 when he come to lawful age. To Annys Cogan my wife and to her heirs all my burgages in the borow of Charde, that is, dī an acre of grounde in the north side of the strete, between a burgage of my lord Cobham's on the est side and a burgage of Our Lady on the west side; a burgage on the north side of the strete which now James Haryson holdithe, between a burgage of the said lorde Cobham's on the est side and a burgage of Robert Cogan's on the west side which now John Chapell dwellith on; 2 burgages on the south side of the strete together, sometyme called the Harte, and oon acre of grounde which I had of my father which he purchased of Sir John Rodeney, now lying jointly together between a burgage of Our Lady on the est side and a burgage of the lord Cobhams on the west side. To poor people at my burial and months mynde £10.

The residue to Annys my wife, executrix.

Overseers: John Whythorne and John Morys the elder.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Antyll my goostly father and John Whythorne.

Proved November 14th, 1547.

Sentence at 25 Coode.

1545. RICHARD ERINGTON, CLERK.

[8 Alen.]

September 3rd, 1545. Richard Erington clerke and canon Resident of the cathedral church of Wells. My body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew in Wells. To the church workes of St. Andrew aforesaide 40*s.* To Edward Erington my sister's son £20 and a tenement at Wedmore. To litle Arthure Erington £20 of which £10 to gett him gramer and writynge and the other £10 for his preferment and setting forthe. I give and forgive to Nycholas Ridleygh my sister's son all debts. To Gilbert Towker £4. To Thomas Waker my servant 20*s.* To Nycholas Erington 40*s.*

The residue to Gerarde Erington my brother's son, my executor.

Overseers: Master George Dogyn, Chaunter, and Master Jamys Gilbert, to whom 20*s.* each. To St. Stephen's altar a paier of whyte vestments and I will that the vestments of redd damaske that be there with the deacon and subdeacon that I have, be delivered unto the treasure house as my gift.

Proved May 20th, 1546.

1545. JOHN GOLDE.

[33 More.]

October 2nd, 1545. John Golde gentilman of Seborow3th. My body to be buried in the church of Cruckhorne if I die there. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Zeborowe 20*s.* To the church of Norton under Hamden 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Cruckhorne 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elizabeth my wife, if she live sole, all my lands in Somersettshire, Dorsettshire and Devonshire, all my leases and goodes within the manner of Seborought and without, provided she make no sale of tymber or woodd but only take necessary for fierboote and ploughboote. To Katherin Golde my sister £20 and £4 yearly during the life of my wife, if she doth not marry. After my wife's death Giles Penny thonger to have the hole manner of Seborough during his life, paying yearly to the heir 20 marks. My servant Edmonde Pey, John Willes of Sampitt and Hugh Hoper shall have jointly my lease of Estham after the death of Elizabeth my wife. Further, Hugh Hooper shall have the reversion of Isabell Godwin without payinge anny fyne and John Willes of Sampitt shall have the reversion of Agnes Cockes and Edmonde Pay shall have his bargain during his life, without paying any ren . My wife Elizabeth to give yearly for 5 years £4 6*s.* 8*d.* to any honest prest to pray for me and my freendes. To Thomas Hobell vicar of Chardstock 20*s.* yearly, to pray for me during the life of my wife. If my wife do marry, then the children of John Bale and William Martin shall have all the moveable goods out of the manner of Seborough, the £20 before

given to Elizabeth Bally to be parcell of the same. To Barnard Golde my best geldinge.

Executrix: Elizabeth my wife.

Witness: Thomas Hobell vicar of Chardstocke.

Proved October 25th, 1555.

1545. ELIZABETH FITZ-JAMES.

[9 ALEN.]

November 30th, 1545. Dame Elizabeth Fitz-james, widow, late the wife of Sir John Fitz-james, knt., Cheffe Justice of the Kinges Bench. My body to be buried in the parish church of Brewton by my late husband, if I die within 6 miles of Brewton, but if I die in Gloucestershire or within 6 miles of Westbury then my body to be buried in the College of Westbury by my first husband Richard Barckleye, Esquier, but if I die elsewhere, then in the next parish church. To our mother church of Wells, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the mother church of the Blissid Trinitye in Bristowe 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Brewton 10*s.* To the curatt of Brewton 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar of Stooke Gifforde 6*s.* 8*d.* To the curatt where I depart 6*s.* 8*d.* To be said for my soul the day of my burial fyve masses of the name of Jhu, fyve of the v woundes, thre of the Blessed Trinity and fyve of the fyve principall feasts of Our Lady, each priest having 8*d.* Among the poor on the day of my burial in bread 20*s.* To each of my own children present at my burial or month mynde a black gowne price the yard 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to each of my servants there a black gown price the yerd 3*s.* 4*d.* To my son Sir Morice Barckley, knight, two salts with the dolphyn upon them, my two wine pottes of silver with the Dolphyn and the Conysse upon the covers, fyve spones with blue animell upon the knappes, a trussinge bed of yelowe and red sarcenett wt a bed of downe, a pair of fustiane blankettes wt a coverlet of verder, being in the chamber called the Lord Lyssle's chamber and in the ynner chamber belonging to the same, wt all the stuff in the utter chamber and the chappell annexed, also a pair of fyne shetes of holland, fyve ells in length and fyve yerdes in bredithe, wt a paier of pillowe towes &c. To Richard Barckeley, my sonne's son, when he is 21 years of age, a bason and

ewer with the dolphyn and the conysse in the mydes of the bason. To my son-in-law, Wylliam Fraunces a great goblett pownced and my trussinge bed in the porche chamber, a pair of shetes of calacowe, and a pair of pillowe towes. To my son-in-law Gibbes a standing cup. To my woman Elizabeth Tracie a fetherbed and such bedding as shalbe at Hewton [*sic*] at my death in recompense for such things as I had of her at my first coming to Hewton [*sic.*] My farme of Smaldon let to Thoms Harner for the yearly rent of £13 6*s.* 8*d.* to be retained by my executors to pay my legacies and detts. To my porre servant Giles Welbe 5*s.* quarterly. My son Morrice Barckeley to have my lease and interest of and in the parsonage of Shipton Montegue the years to come in after my decease for £20 over and above the Kinge's graces rent or else my executors to sell the said lease; and my said son to have also all my household stuff at Brewton paying therefor £20, or else my executors to sell the same. My executors to sell all my sheep, cattle, and horses as well rother as every other kind. To my son's son Richard Barkley all my cattle and household goods in Gloucestershire, which shall remain in the custody of my daughter dame Elizabeth Barkley his mother. I will a priest be founde to say masse in the parish church of Brewton at Our Lady aulter where my husband lieth buried. To my daughter-in-law dame Elizabeth Barkley my best velvet gown. To my daughter-in-law dame Katheryne Barckleye my second best velvet gown. To my daughter dame Anne Speke my sattyn gown furrid with Ermyn. To my daughter Mary Fraunces my sattyn gown furred with mynckes, a kyrtell of black sattyn, and my best velvet bonett. To my cosyn Joane Foskewe my gown of black chamblett lyned with frise, and my curtill of taffata. To my woman Elizabeth Marshall my frocke of Russett worsted and my kirtill of Saye.

Residue: to my daughter Elizabeth Barkley, wydow, my cosyn Anthony Gilbert, and John Rouse, gentilman, my executors.

Overseers: my son Mauryce Barkley, knight, my son-in-law William Fraunces esquier. Also that where I and my cosyn Nicholas Fitz-james were put in trust by one Harman Devynshere to have the governance of one Elinor his daughter, I will at her marriage that my executors give her £8.

Witnesses: Nycholas Gilberde, gentleman, Sir John Eryngton, curat of Brewton, my gostly father, Sir Richard Bysshopp, and John Bosgrove.

Proved May 8th, 1546.

1545. CHRISTOPHER WYKES.

[26 ALEN.]

December 1st, 1545. Christofer Wykes, marchante taillor of London. My body to christian burial. To my four children Anthonye, Elizabeth, Marye and Maliadus, £40 each. To my unborn child, £40. If all my children die, the goods bequeathed to them to remain to the kynredde that come of my twoo brothers. To Roger Brayton, William Harryson and Richard Mannyng, my servants, 40*s.* each. To my brothers, John Wykes and Thomas Wykes, 40*s.* each. To Agnes, my sister-in-law, widow, in Oxford, £10. To Sir Baker, curate of St. Magnus in London, 12*d.* To Sir Pate, priest of the chapel on the bridge in London, 5*s.*

Residue: to Joane, my wife, executrix.

Witnesses: Raufe Pilkington, citezen and haberdasher of London, William Lane of Bristol, mercer, William Wever of Bristol, yoman, John Gye of Wells, co. Somerset, notarye publique and Roger Brayton of London. Yoven at Wells.

Proved January 27th, 1546.

1545. NICHOLAS BARBOUR.

[10 ALEN.]

December 19th, 1545, the xxxviith yere of the reigne of Lord Henry the Eighth, etc., in earth of the church of England, the Supreme Heade. Nycholas Barbour of the parish of Clutton, diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the church earthe of Clutton. To the cathedral church of Wells, 4*d.* To John, my son, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Agnes, my daughter, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To each of the children of Thomas Cornyshe, 20*d.* To Thomas, my son, one of my weanes and my best mazer. To each of my

godchildren, 4*d.* To Alys, my wyf, all maner of beddyng, bras and peuter vessels.

The residue to Alys, my wyf, and Robarte, my son, my executors.

Witnesses: Sir Wylliam Marshall, curate, John Poole and Richard Blacker.

Overseers: John Bysse, thelder, of Publowe, and Thomas Trewbody, clerk.

Proved May 21st, 1546.

1545. MARGARET SOPER.

[16 ALEN.]

January 24th, 1545. Margaret Soper, wydow. My body to be buried in the church of Mary Magdaleyne of Taunton. To St. Andrew church in Wells, 20*d.* To the high cross service in the church of Mary Magdaleyne, 5*s.* To the sepulcre service there, 5*s.* To Sir John Sabyn, 20*s.* To Barbara Selwood and Ann Selwood, daughters of John Selwood, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* each. To the vicar of Magdalen, 20*d.* To every priest coming to my dirige and mass, 8*d.* and to every clerk, 6*d.* To poor at my burial £10, and at my moneths mynde, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, and at my twelve moneths mynde, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Sabyn, 20 marks to sing and celebrate masses for me for 2 years. To Mary Selwood, daughter of John Selwood, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elizabeth, her sister, the same.

Residue: to Elizabeth Selwood, my daughter, and Emme Selwood, daughter of John Selwood, my executrices.

Overseers: Mr. John Newport and John Selwood.

Witnesses: Mr. William Rede, vicar, Sir John Sabyn and George Hawlye.

Proved September 2nd, 1546.

1546. WILLIAM RAWLINS.

[12 ALEN.]

Sentence of intestacy, June 5th, 1546, of Master William Rawlyns, clerk, deceased, while he lived provost of the cathedral church of Wells.

Administration renounced by Sir Humfrey Brown, knight, and Jeronimus Shelton, nephew and kinsman of the deceased and committed to William Shelton and Thomas Shelton, nephews of the deceased.

1546. NICHOLAS DERELL.

[7 POWELL.]

July 22nd, 1546. Nycholas Derell of Markesbury. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Markesbury. To the church of Markesbury to buy such as shall be thought needful, 20*s*. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d*. To the churches of Farneborowe, Chelworthe, Preston, Prior Staunton, Newton Seintlowe, Burnet, Compton Dando and Publowe, one bushel of barley to each. To Richard Gage, £10 in the hands of Thomas Holbroke of Norton Malerward and the leasur that I hold of Robert Holbroke within the lordship of Staunton Prior during my years therein. To William Lynsey, £4 and one cow. To Alice Bowcher, the same. To John Avanam, 40*s*. To Robert Wathett, 40*s*. and a yearling which is with Thomas Holbroke which shall be kept until she hath calvyd. To George Avanam, £10. To Margery, wife of William Richeman, for her children, 40*s*. To William Richeman, two coots, two dublets, two payre of hosen, two shirts, two cappes and 6*s*. 8*d*. I forgive my sister Agnes Derell all debts except 5 marks. To John Holbroke and Johane Holbroke, 6*s*. 8*d*. each. To every of the children of Agnes Saunders, 6*s*. 8*d*. To every householder of the parish of Markesbury, 4*d*. To the parson of Farneborowe to see my legacies paid, 26*s*. 8*d*.

The residue to Alice Derell, my wife.

Executors: the said Alice and Richard Gage.

Overseers: Thomas Holbroke of Norton and John Richman of Stanton.

To Alice, daughter of George Avanam, 20*s*. and the second paũl that I bought of John Slegge, a flockbedde and a coverlet; if she die her mother shall have it. My wife and George Avanam to have my lease of my ferme after Mychelmas and after my wife's decease, the said George to have the whole. To Robert Derell, £20, eight yearlings and two kyen in the custody of the widow

of William Jenñs of Were, which goods I will shall remain in the hands of Thomas Trewbodye, parson of Farneborowe, and of Thomas Holbroke of Norton (witnesses).

Proved March 15th, 1551.

[Another will (void) is registered at fo. 3 Powell.]

1546. THOMAS HAYWARD.

[21 ALEN.]

August 29th, 1546. Thomas Heyward of Charleton [Queen Charlton] in the county of Somerset, husbandman. My body to be buried in the parish church of St. Margaret in Charleton. To Agnes my wife the ferme of the parsonage of Charleton and after her death it shall remain to William my son. To William my son all my lands lyeing upon Baykwell doune in the parish of Backwell and my best doulett. To my daughter Flower £4 worth of cattell. To my doughter's children Thomas and Margaret a heyfor each. To John Jones of Chewe a maser. To Thomas Gollock of Tymsborough half a dozen silver spones. To poor people 100 bushells of wheat. To John Hervo 2 oxen. To Sir William Jones my confessor 20*s*. To Thomas White my servant a cote and dublett. Half of the residue to Agnes my wife and the other half to my son William after the laudable custome of the countrey, my executors. To Thomas Thorn my servant a cote.

Overseer: Mr. John Bys.

Witnesses: William Vale, John Hervo.

Proved October 15th, 1546.

1546. JOHN PYPER.

[37 ALEN.]

September 17th, 1546. John Pyper of Butleigh, diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Leonarde of Butleigh. To the mother church of Wells 4*d*. To the Brotherhed of the benefactors of the church of Butleigh a kow.

Residue: To John Scott thelder of Butleigh, my executor.

Witnesses: Sir John Dowle, John Burdam, William Gibbes.

Proved May 14th, 1547.

1546. RICHARD BEKE.

[18 ALEN.]

1546, Richard Beke. My body to christen buriall. To my parish of Brodwey. I wolde my wiffe shalbe made wourthe 20 marks in money and to byde in my howse of Brodwey for one year if she contynue widdow so long taking half of everything. To Harry my son 40*s*. To William Beke 4 marks. To Elisabeth Beke my daughter 40*s*., a gerdle and a flockbedde. To Jone Beke £3. To Edith Beke 5 marks. If my mother doo outlive (me), she to have mete and drink with my house, as in my tyme. The residue to Nicholas Beke my executor, to whom and to his issue male I give my bargayn in Brodewey and for lack thereof, to Harry Beke in the same manner, and in default to William Beke, Thomas Beke or my daughters in order.

Witnesses: Sir William Harnap parson of Brodewey, Sir John Page and John Knighton.

Proved October 20th, 1546.

1546. JOHN HYLL.

[26 ALEN.]

October 29th, 1546. John Hyll marchaunte of the parish of Mynhed in the diocese of Bath and Wells, co. Somerset. My body to be sett in earth at the discretion of my frends. To the reparation of Mynhed 20*s*. To the reparacion of the were of Mynhed 20*s*. To the church of Wells 4*d*. To my servant Margaret Torkyn 40*s*.

Residue: To Margaret my wife and my children Robert, John, Andrewe, William and Margaret, my executors provided none of the said children claim their goods before they come to 22 years of age or else receive the sacrament of matrimony.

Overseer: My father William Hyll.

Witnesses: John Ryce vicar, Thomas Karewell clerk, John Dodyng marchant, and William Dovell marchant.

Proved January 18th, 1546.

1546. JOHN CHILCOTT.

[29 ALEN.]

November 1st, 1546. John Chilcot in the parish of Bromfyll. My body to be buried in the church of Alhalowen of Bromfill. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To Our Lady service of Dulverton 3*s.* 4*d.* To Alhalowen of Bromfill 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Bromfill to be buried therein 6*s.* 8*d.* To the dead light of Dulverton a shepe. To the bridge of Dulverton 12*d.* To the church of Hawkerige 3*s.* 4*d.* To my son John thelder £10. To Emmot my daughter £10. To Alice my daughter 12 good ewes. To Johane, Ambrose, John the younger and Elizabeth 53*s.* 4*d.* each. If their mother mary, the overseers to hold this for the children's use. To each of my godchildren a shepe. To each of my son John's children a shepe. To each of John Way is children the same.

Residue: Katheryn my wife, my executrix.

Overseers: Richard Skynner, Thomas Chilcott, Robert Chilcot and my son John to each of whom 2*s.*

Witnesses: Sir Nichãs Bazell curate, Thomas Chilcot, Henry Jankyn and Robert Chilcot.

Proved February 26th, 1546.

1546. WILLIAM WALRONE.

[28 ALEN.]

November 14th, 1546. William Walrone of Langrege co. Somerset gentilman. My body to cristen burial. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To William Walrone my son £20, my parte of the fynne of Coggens Holde and 13*s.* 4*d.* which he should pay to me for my part of two heryatts, and a graye geldinge. To Robert Walrone my son £40, my lease of one close and one parrocke in Bruslyngton purchased of John Morgane and all my goods moveable in the over part of my house of Langrege the which under loke fast. To John More £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Nicholas Edwards of Heydon 20*s.* To Thomas Walrone my best fetherbed, a paire of lokeram shetes, two pelstoues and my tawnye dublet of Sattyn. To Robert Kelley

my wearyng cote and Furstyn doublet and baye mare, and 5 marks 6*s.* 8*d.* which he borrowed of me for Robert Clyfford his son in law.

Residue: Thomas Walron my son, executor.

Overseers: Mighell Quynten gentilman and Richard Uffename gentilman and to Mighell Quynten 40*s.* and to his wife a kyrtell of Chamlett and to Richard Uffename my riding gelding, sadell and brydell, and to his wife a gowne of chamlett. To Robert Walron £40 13*s.* 4*d.* and he to occupy half the demaynes of Langrege with Thomas Walron for 2 years, after which Thomas Walron to have the whole. To John Sheperd of Brigmarston a stone horse colt. To the church of Broughton 12*d.* To the bells there 3*s.* 4*d.* To my godson William Walron a gray gelding of my own brede.

Witnesses: William Hall, Nicholas Pryor, William Maxham and William Edmonde.

Proved February 16th, 1546.

1546. JOHN ROWSWELL.

[11 POPULWELL.]

December 24th, 1546. John Rowswell of the parish of Hilferonce. My body to the holly burial. To the church of Hilferonce, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Oke, 3*s.* 4*d.* To poor people, 20*s.* To three of my sons, viz., William, Anthony and Richard, Longham with all the cattall that doth depasture on the same. To Roger, William, Anthony and Richard all my sheep of Oterford and Aldelmore; and if any die before he come to years of discretion his goods to remain to the survivors. The custody of the said goods and the bringing up of my said children to be unto Edmunde Tymell and Thomas Tymell, my brothers in law. To Thomas Ashe, a mare. To Jane, my daughter, a cow. To Richarde Whiteknighte, one gelding, the value 40*s.* To Joane, my daughter, 40*s.*

The residue to Dorothe, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Edmunde Tymell and George Arundell, my brothers in law.

Witnesses: John Verlie, parson of Oke, Sir John Husshe, prest, Robert Rawe and Thomas Asshe.

Proved July 28th, 1548.

1547. ROBERT SWAN.

[33 ALEN.]

April 1st, 1547. Robert Swan of London, letherseller. My body to christian burial. To Annes Fysheman my lease of my ferme in Brettells. All money recovered by my executor of Thomas Cossen to be delivered to Mr. Lord and other creditors by the oversight of William Braband, my overseer. To Nicholas my servant all my goods at the vicaredge of South Petherton. I forgive to the goodwife Borwell all debts that she doth owe me. I bequeath to her the rest of a pece of Saynt Thomas worsted containing 10 or 12 yards and my nightgown.

Residue to Thomas Davys of London, marcer, my executor, he to pay to Mastres Borton all debts for Mighell James and to se my litle boy Richard honestly kept.

Overseer: William Braband.

Witnesses: Sir Randall Cook, prest, Andrew Carr, Richard Morry, Richard Lame.

Proved April 7th, 1547.

1547. JOHN ADAMS.

[45 ALEN.]

April 20th, 1547. John Adams of Taunton. To be buried in the yelde of the sepultre within the church of St. Mary Magdalen. To the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 12*d.* To the sepulture service, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high cross service, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the mayntenance of the copes in St. Mary Magdalen church, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the two services in St. James' church, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Norton, 5*s.* To every person in the almshouse in Taunton, 4*d.* To every of my godchildren, 4*d.* To the poor people of Burpot, 10*s.* To the vicar of Mawdelyn, a gown cloth, and 4½ brode yerdes of fyne cloth. To Richard Davage a standing cup, a flatt pece, a salt gilt and a goblett. To William Davage a white standing cup and half-a-dosen spones with mayden's heads. To John Davage, a nest of goblets. To Elisabeth Davage a bell cup and haulf a dosen spones that

goeth abrode in the house of the best. To the son of Richard Davage, 20*s.* To Rychard Whetherton, 40*s.*

Residue: Avys my wyf which lyeth sick and yf she dye before me, Rychard Davage, Willyam, John and Elizabeth Davage to be my executors.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Reade, vicar of Mawdelyn, John Calowe, constable, Rychard Comer and Rychard Davage.

Proved August 3rd, 1547.

1547. JOHN SYDENHAM.

[45 ALEN.]

April 26th, 1547. John Sydenham. My body to be buried in the church or chancel of Clyve. To my son Alexander £100 towards a lyving to bestowe in lands or a bargayne towards a perpetuall lyving. To my daughter Margaret, £140, the same to remain in the hands of John Sydenham, my son and heir, till she marry. To Alexander Syde, my godson, £20. To Thomas Winter £4.

Residue: to my executors John Sydenham, Joane, my wife, and Alexander, my son.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Welshman, Sir Roger Marten, Thomas Glasse.

Proved August 22nd, 1547.

1547. JOHN LOCK.

[1 POPULWELL.]

June 2nd, 1547. John Lock of the parish of Bedmister, husbandman. My body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptiste in Bedmyster. To the two pristes, 2*s.* To the church one kowe to thuse of Ower Ladyes aulter. To Margery Brooke, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, which her father did promise to pay to me at her marriage—which Margery I do intende to marry if it please God that I may live. To the said Margerye half the corn growing over my ground in the parish of Bedmyster.

The residue to my four children, Annes Locke, Elizabeth Locke, Alice Locke and Agnes Locke the younger (executors),

to be equally divided among them or among the survivors if any die before they come to lawful age.

Overseers: John Cradocke, gentleman, John Hamonde, Richard Brooke and John Monye.

Witnesses: Sir Rowlande Jenyns, Sir Rychard Orrell, priests, John Mellowes, John Diamonde, John Smythe, Roger Rymer, John Veroke, William Norman.

Proved January 19th, 1547.

1547. WILLIAM KNIGHT, BISHOP.

[48 ALEN.]

In the name of the Father, the Sone, and the Holy Gooste. amen. August 12th, 1547. I, Wylliam, by the sufferaunce of God, Busshop of Bathe and Wells, make my will as follows:—My body to be buryed within the cathedral church of Wells and for the chargis of my buriall, bringing down of my corps and making of my tumbe, £100. To each of my servants, a yere's wages. To my cosigne Margaret James at London, £40. To Thomas Lambeley, £10 over and above his former legacie, a garnishe of pewter vessels, the hangings of my great dynyng chamber at Wyvelscombe of redd and greane saye, two fetherbeds and two bolsters. To Richard Roberts, £10, a fetherbed and bolster. To Richard Mylner, £40, the same to be bestowed in thandes of some suche as will kepe the said innocent charitable and not lyk a wreche. To the said Richard, a fetherbed. To poure people in the hospitall at Welles, £10. To the convictes there, 40*s*. To John Moore, my servant, £10. To the prisoners in Ivelchestre, £4. To New College in Oxford where I was sometyme felowe, £40. To the college of Wynchester where I was brought up in my childehode, £20, also to each of these colleges, £4 for an obit. To poor people in tharchdiaconrie of Richmond, £10. To poor people at Romaldkirk, £10. To forty poor maydens' marriages at 40*s*. apiece, £80. To the ministers in the cathedral church of Wells for an obit at my buriall, £5, and at the moneth's mynde, £5. To the poor people at the same tymes, £10. To Chuthberd Walker, £20 and a standing cuppe. To every prison in London and South-

wark 40*s.* to the releave of the poor prisoners there. To a preest to singe for my soule in the cathedral church of Wells with placebo, masse and dirige every Sonday and holiday and at the lest three tymes in the week beside, £10 a yere for ten yeres, and if Mr. Edõn, my chaplen, after his return from his trouble, be not provided with a benefice by me I will he have the said service. To the chauntry preests of Mountroy in Welles that be abyding continually there, 20*s.* To Dionise Vawdie to her marriage, £20. To the repair of highways about Bridgewater, £20. To the churchwardens of Wyvelscombe, Banwell, Chedder, Wellington, Charde, Chewe, Congresburie, Poklechurch, Busshop Lydderard, Kyngesburie and Hewishe for the poor people of the said parishes at the oversight of the curate and two honest men of the parish, £4 apiece. To Johane Norman, daughter of William Norman, my late servant £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to her marriage. To my lord Russell the Lord Prevaie Seale my hangings of t'Historie of Thobye. To the cathedral church of Wells, a basin and ewer of silver with two candelsticks for an aulter and my sacring bell. To Cuthbert Walker all the profetts of the standings within the crosse at Wells that I made there at my cost, which profetts shall hereafter renew and arise at the tyme of the two fayres kept there, viz., St. Calixt and St. Andrewe daies on condition that he make as good assurance of the same yerely profitts as can be devised by the lawe for ever to the Dean and Chapter of Welles to thintent that they applie the same to the use of the choristers of the cathedral church every yere at their audite time. To Mr. Juge Portman my barber's basin and pot of silver. To Mr. Doctor Dakyn a standing cup, my two salts garnished with anticke, a dosen spones and three gobletts. To Mr. Tregonwell a boll that hath the fote pounced.

I make executors, Master Portman, Mr. Dakyns and Mr. Tregonwell to whom £40 each.

Overseer: my go(od) Lord Privaie Seale to whom a ringe of gold with a turkas.

Proved November 11th, 1547.

1548. RICHARD BUSHE.

[6 POPULWELL.]

March 31st, 1548. Richard Bushe of the parish of Butcombe, clothmaker. My body to be buried in the church of Saint Myghell Tharchangel of Butcombe. To my five sons my free land in the parish of Dondre, viz., to Thomas Bushe and John Bushe the younger, my sons, my house in the tenure of Harry Weke; to William Busshe, my son, my house that standeth before the church stile of Dondre in the tenure of John Kinge; to John Bushe the elder, my son, my house in Dondre, in the tenure of John Burde, and to Richard Bushe, my son, my house in Dondre in the tenure of Harry Walter. To the said William four hole clothes; to the said Thomas nine hole clothes made reddy to theire handes. To John Bushe the younger £30. To Isabell Bushe, my daughter £30. To every of my sons and daughter's children one ewe to be delivered before shere tyme next comynge. To Agnes Busshe, my brother John Busshe's daughter, a heyfore. To Margery Phyler an ewe. To Johane Atnasse, Alyce Freye and Agnes Wattes, two sheep apiece. The goods bequeathed to my unmarried children to remain to the unmarried survivors, if any die before marriage, William Bushe aforesaid only excepted for he shall have liberty to give at his own pleasure the half part of his goods.

The residue: to Richard Busshe, my son (executor).

Witnesses: William Ketingale, parson [of] Butcombe, Harrye Bushe, William Collier, John Atnasse.

Proved May 11th, 1548.

1548. THOMAS AWOOD.

[8 POPULWELL.]

April 8th, 1548. Thomas Awood of Harefford in the parish of Langford Budwell. My body to christian burial. To the common box of the church of Langford for the relief of the poor 2*s*. To Margaret Hichecocke one of my god daughters an ewe and a lamb. To John Haddon his eight children, an ewe and a lamb to each. To the four children of Thomas

Chaplyng a lamb each. To John Thatcher one mowe of corne. To the two children of William Chappellyng, four ewes and four lambs. To Johane Thorne an ewe and a lamb. To John Thatcher the younger 20*s*. To Dorathee Penfonde 20*s*. To each of my brothers' and sisters' children 3*s*. 4*d*. To Alice Hundell my servant £3 6*s*. 8*d*.

The residue: to my trusty and well-beloved John Marchaunt (executor).

Overseers: Sir Roger Bluett, knight, Robert Wether and William Chappellyn.

Witnesses: Richard Calmady, William Person, Nichãs Predye, Thomas Brackham, John Thatcher, John Marchaunt, Robert Wether.

Proved June 9th, 1548.

1548. MARGERY HILL.

[5 BUCKE.]

June 1st, 1548. Margerye Hyll wydowe. My body to be buried in the church of Marye Magdaleyn in Taunton under the stone that my husband now liethe whose soul Jhu pardon. To the church of St. Andrew in Wells, 12*d*. To the church of Mary Magdaleyn in Taunton 20*s*. To the poor 20*s*. to be put in the cõmen Cofer in Magdalyn churche. To St. James' Church 20*s*. To the vicar of Mawdelyn 20*s*. To every prest of Magdalyn 20*d*. To every other prest coming to my burial 12*d*. To the Vicar of Pytmestere 6*s*. 8*d*. To the churches of Pytmyster, Trulle, Wylton, 3*s*. 4*d*. to each. To the poor on the day of my burial and monthes and twelve monthes ende £30 I will my executors give yearly for seven years at the feast of All Saynts £3, to be (be)stowed in shertys and smockes to poor people until £21 be bestowed. To my son William Hilles three children half a pipe of oode, each. To Alexander Togwells three children the same. To my god-daughter Mary Portman and to Henry Portman and to every of them 66*s*. 8*d*. To my son-in-law John Whyt 66*s*. 8*d*. To Sir John Hyll 20*s*. and to his sister Johan Hill 20*s*. I will that my apparel be divided between my four daughters. I will that six poor men have six black gowns at the day of my burying. To each of my servants

then with me 3*s.* 4*d.* And where my late husband Roger Hill whose soul Jhu pardon, constituted me his sole executrice to perform his will, I charge my executor to see his will performed and this my present will as he will answere before God (*cum venerit judicare vivos et mortuos*).

Residue: to my son Robert Hill (executor).

Overseer: Sir William Portman, knight, William Hill my son, and Alexander Togwell my son-in-law.

Witnesses: Sir William Portman, knight, John Cuffe, William Halley and Thomas Bowdon.

Proved February 14th, 1550.

1548. JOHN HOLBYN.

[20 POPULWELL.]

August 23rd, 1548. John Holbyn of the parish of Northe Stoke. My body to christian burial. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To my parish church 10*s.* To the poore manes boxe 16*d.* To William my son one score of my best wethers, etc., and the leaseis called Asshely to my wife and the said William jointly for their lives. To Thomas my son one score of my wethers etc., and my best jyrkyn. To John Davys my son-in-law and to Thomas Crede a score of wethers. To Alice Godhyn 10 ewes. To each of my godchildren in Northe stoke, Byttñ and Upton a chylver hogge. To John Davys' three children a chilver shepe to each. To my son William's child two sheep. To William Godhyn my daughter's son a good ewe. To John Holbyn's daughter two ewes. To Margaret my servant two ewes. To my servant Thomas Bygge one ewe. To Mary my daughter-in-law's two sons John and Thomas a hogge shepe each. To William Hill of Kelston a payre of white hosys. To John my son 20*s.* etc. The residue to Alice my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John and William my sons.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Harper parson there, John Davys and William Maynerde.

Proved December 15th, 1548.

1548. WILLIAM, LORD STOURTON.

[17 POPULWELL.]

September 8th, 1548. William Stowrton, knight, Lord Stowrton, Deputie generall of Newe Haven and the Marches of the same. My body to be buried where it please God. To my daughter Clynton two silver potts to the value of £20. To my daughter Brent the same, to be caused to be made by my executor with my armes and name upon them. To Mistress Agnes Rise, daughter to the Counties my Lady Brigwater, all my plate of silver now at Newe Haven in her keeping with all household stuff in my manor or lordship of Stourton as well corne and heye as all other necessaries of husbandry, and all my corne as well presently growing as in my barnes, garnells or other places in the said lordship. The residue to Charles Stowrton my eldest son (executor) and if he die before me my next heir to be executor.

Overseers: the Lord William Haward and Sir John Briges, knight, now deputie of Bolleyn.

CODICIL.

September 9th, 1548. To my servants now with me in household especially myne olde servants to have for their lives such wages and meat and drink as they have presently of me, if they will serve my son Charles Stourton and such others as have been with me but one year or two and will not serve my son to have one year's wages and depart where they will. To the said Mistress Agnes Rise all my cattle and household stuff that I have this side the see and all debts due unto me whereof she hath a boke and notes (except only £20 lent by me to William Fauntleroy which I will he shall not paye to any person if I die before he paye the some unto me). My servant Henry Barnes to have the reversion of certain ground that Thomas Kemys of Curtlington co. Dorset now holdeth of me, lying in Buchorn Weston to have and hold to him for 20 years without paying any fyne for the same. To Joane Fauntleroy and Anne Townley my maydens £20 to each.

Witnesses: Sir William Pyrton, knight, porter of Newe

Haven, John Aster, gentleman, bayly of the Marches of Newe Haven, Doctor Martin Corenbeck, medicus, Sir William Fowler, clerke, and William Paynter, sirurgon.

Proved November 15th, 1548.

1548. JOHN RODNEY.

[2 COODE.]

November 20th, 1548. John Rodney of Backwell co. Somerset, esquire. My burial I committe to the ordre of my executors, and the rule of my doughter Elizabeth Rodney to my brother in lawe Edmond Mordaunt and the rule of my doughter Anne Rodney to my brother-in-lawe Thomas Powtrell and my suster his wife, as well for their education and bringing up until their marriage as also for the custody of such lands as I have gevyn to theym as by my dede dated October 20th 2 Ed. VI. more playnly doth appere. To my brother in lawe Nicolas Powtrell and to my suster Anne his wife all my lands and tenements in the city of Bristowe and suburbes of the same and in Chippyng Norton co. Oxford. To my brother in lawe Edmunde Mordãnt all my title in certeyn londs tenements in Kememalton co. Huntygndon. To my brother(s) in law Thomas Powtrell and Nicholas Powtrell my plough of oxen with my wayne and all things belonging and towe of my best mares. To my said sisters Elizabeth Powtrell and Anne Powtrell £10 each requiring either of them to give to pour folks in the parishe where they dwell or in the parishe next adjoyning 5 marks. To my brother in law Edmunde Mordant £20. To my cosyn William Vowell £4 and to my cosyn his wife £4 and to my cosyn John Ronyon 40*s.* and to each of his younger children not married 40*s.* and to each of my Aunte Ronyons childer not married 40*s.* and to each of my Aunte Tothebies younger childer not married 40*s.* To the person of Stooke Rodney for tithes 20*s.* To the parson of Backwell for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar there 13*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Backwell 6*s.* 8*d.* To my servants Symond Badger, John Walder and Fraunces Reve 40*s.* each. To John Twyte of Backwell 20*s.* and a cowe. To Alice my servant the same. To

Agnes Stevyns and Beatrix that were my servants at Grafton co. Northampton 10*s.* each. To olde Genyns wife of Stooke 20*s.* and a cowe. To William Wayneman my servant doble apparell in all things and 40*s.* To Thomas Dycke oon newe apparell in all thinges and to every of my servants a blak cote. Also I will that the yerely profite of the hyre of six kyne that William Reve of Stook hath of myn shalbe bestowed amongst the poure people in Stoke, Draycote and Predye by the discretion of the said parson of Stook and John Cheseman of the same town and after the said yeres I will the said 6 kyne be gevyn to the marriage of sixe yonge maides. Also I will that the nyne quarters of Malte which I shulde have of John Bate of Grafton, for which I have paid him 40*s.* and sende to him 20*s.* by Thomas Stevyns of Grafton shalbe distributed amongst the pourest people in Grafton, Islippe, Slypton, Thropson, Sudbrugh and Luffycke in the said county of Northampton. To the poure people in the parishe of Stagedon and Carleton co. Beds and in Newton Molse, Crawley, Herdmeyde, Lavendon and Brafelde co. Bucks. £5 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my god children 10*s.* To my cosyns William Fetypase and Dorothe Fetypase my godchildren 20*s.* each. To my said brother in lawe Edmunde Mordant almaner of my apparell except my gown of Damaske which I geve to my brother Thomas Powtrell. To my susters Elizabeth and Anne Powtrell all the apparell of Anne Rodney my late wife deceased. And where I have enfeoffed by a dede dated November 15th, 2 Ed. vi, the said Edmonde Mordant, Thomas Powtrell and Nicholas Powtrell of and in the manour of Lamyat and other lands and hereditaments in Lamyat, Alampton, Dichet, Stone, Hornebloton and Everryche co. Somerset, my will is that my executors shall geve unto my said daughters Elizabeth and Anne of the issues thereof so moche money towardes their marriages and exhibicion as shalbe thought convenient, and also to bestow money upon the reparacions of my mansion houses of Stoke Rodney and Backwell as shalbe thought most mete, and also to deliver to my son Morice Rodney £100 when he shall come to the age of 21 yeres.

Executors: My brothers in lawe Edmunde Mordant, Thomas Powtrell and Nicholas Powtrell. The residue to be bestowed in deades of Charitie for my soule.

Witnesses: William Vowell, John Sprynt, Trystram Dyllyngton and Peter Demoye.

Proved January 31st, 1540.

1548. JOAN SYDENHAM.

[2 Coode.]

January 18th, 1548. Johane Sydenham of Lẽgh, widowe. My body to be buried in the church in the parish of Olde Cleve next to the body of John Sydenham, late my husband. To Alysander Sydenham my son, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my daughter Margaret Sydenham for her labour being with me 40*s.* To my daughter Jane Beamont 20*s.* To Jane Wynter a ryng with a grene stone.

The residue to my son John Sydenham (executor).

Witnesses: Sir Robert Walshman, curat of the Chapel of Legh, William Peperell of Taunton, and David Pepeñ.

Proved January 28th, 1549.

1549. HENRY CAVELL.

[3 Coode.]

March 31st, 1549. Henry Cavell of the Citie of Bathe, alderman. My body to be buried in my parish church of Saint Mary within the yate above the pulpytt. To the poor men's box of the same parish 6*s.* 8*d.* To my son William Cavell all my desperat detts, all my apparel except such as shall be given in this testament, my standing cup double gilt, a nutt, my best hope of gold, my owche of gold, ten crockys and ten pannys. To my daughter Elizabeth my rynge of golde with a stone that I used to wear on my forefinger. To my daughter Alice my great round Hope of gold which my wife weareth, after the decease of her mother. To my daughter Anne my ale cup of silver, my pece of silver callid the chast pece and my wives weddyng ryng after her mother's decease and at her marriage.

The residue: to Suzan my wife (executrix) and after her decease or if she marry one half to William my son.

Overseers: my two sons-in-law Walter Wear and Richard

Chapman and to Walter Wear my gown of muster de villys furred with blak lambe and my doblet of tawny velvet, and to Richard Chapman my gown of scarlet lined with chamlet, and a doblet of black velvet.

Witnesses: William Clement, priest, John Clement, alderman, John Baker of the said city, glover.

Dated at Bath. Proved February 14th, 1549.

1549. JOHN BILLINGHAY.

[44 POPULWELL.]

July 11th, 1549. John Byllinghaye of Illmister. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Illmister. To the church of Illmister 20*s*. To John, Robert, William, Margaret, Elizabeth, Marye and Thomzin̄, my children, £40 each, and if any die before the age of 16 years his portion to be divided among the survivors. My wife Johane before her next marriage to find sufficient sureties to my overseers for the payment of the said bequests. To the poor people £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To Isett my servant and kinswoman, £10. To Julyan Laurence my sister £4 and a coverlet which was Mystres Ballingers. To Johane Morryce and Isabell Torrye my sisters 20*s*. each. I forgive Thomas Hawker and George Hawker the debts owed to John Manffelde, preste. To Henry Polwebbe my servant 40*s*. To John Draper, Thomas Wollington, Hewe Slade, and Margerye Palmer, my servants, 20*s*. each. To John Poole, prest, 10*s*. To John Battin and Robert Oliver, preist, 3*s*. 4*d*. each. To Maryc Hawker my golde rynge sett with a redd stone which I now were. To Henry Grenefellde 10*s*. To John Whithorne 3*s*. 4*d*. To every godchild of John Manffelde preste departede, 12*d*. To the mending of the watercourse to the towne stoocke 3*s*. 4*d*. My bargain at Winsam called Ambram Mill and Clooswoode to Johane my wife and after her death to John my son, after his death to Robert my son, and after his death to William my son, if the year of my purchase will so long extend. And if William die before that time the said bargain shall remain equally to Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary, and Thomzin my daughters.

The residue to Johane my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Humffrey Wallron, John Ballche, and Thomas Hawker gentilmen, Thomas Laurence and George Hawker, yeoman.

Witnesses: John Balche, gentilman, John Poole, clarke, Henry Grenfelde and John Whithorne.

Proved November 30th, 1549.

1549. JOHN VERNEY.

[35 BUCKE.]

July 11th, 1549. John Vernay of Fairfyld in the parish of Stoke Gursey co. Somerset, Esquier. My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors. To my brother George Verney an annual rent of 40*s*. out of my lands in Wolmerston and North Petherton. I will that my friends Richard Malet, Richard Warre, Alexaunder Popham, Nicholas Halswell, William Hody, Richard Michell, Erasmus Pym̃, John Dodington, and John Sayntabyñ, esquiyrs, shall receive sufficient rents of my manors and lands in Durborow, Wolmerston, North Petherton, Cossington, Cattecote, and Hunspyll for the payment of my debts, the marriage of my daughters and for the performance of my will, of which issues my daughters Agnes, Johane, Elizabeth, Elyanor, and Grace shall have £100 each to their marriages. To my brother Antell 100 marks of the same issues in satisfaction of a legacy made to my sister his wife by my father Robert Verney. To Johane my wife my mansion house of Fayrfyld with all lands and woods with the same as long as she live sole paying therefor £16 yearly, of which I will the lords of whom I hold any land by knightes service shall have their allowance of their third part during the minority of mine heir. To mine heir all my apparel, my signet of gold and the use of the implements of household in my house of Fayrfyld, that is, two payre of the greatest Rackys of Iron, two barrys of iron, foure of the best Crockys, my furnays, half my pewter vessell, two fetherbeds, my virgynalls and my clocke standing in the Oryall and all my harneys. To John Verney my younger son my bay mare which is with John Burlond, my blacke mare and the copie of the land in Reversion of William Teder. To each of my servants their hole yeres wages,

The residue to Johanne my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Christofer Pers, Christofer Davys, Robert Bigegood, Thomas Dale.

Proved November 30th, 1551.

1549. JOHN WALTON.

[14 BUCKE.]

October 17th, 1549. John Walton. My body to be buried in the chauncell of the parish church of Higham bitwene the burialls of Mr. Dyer sometime parson of the same church and my twoo wyves. To the cathedral church of Wells 6*d.* To the parish church of Higham 6*s.* 8*d.* To the mayntenance of Goddis Dyvyne service in the chapell of Netherham sixe good wethershepe out of my flock. To my son Alexander Walton all my purches in West Muncketon, my gray Curtall geldyng and my dublet of Crymsyn velwet. To my son Andrew Walton and his heirs all my lands and tenements in Langportt Estover and Westover co. Somerset late in the possession of William Milborne and Barbor and £10 for his apprentiship in London. To my daughter Johane Walton £40 and oon flatt pece with a cover of silver and oon bedde so that she be ordered in her marriage by the discretion of Sir Thomas Dyer, knight, William Walton and Thomas Walton her brothers. To my daughters Elizabeth Walton and Agnes Walton £40 each so that they abide like order. And if they all die their said portions to be divided between my three sons Thomas, Alexander and Andrew towards their livings. To my cosen Richard Walton son of my brother William Walton the elder my woodknyfe. To the poor people of the two Almeshouses in Glaston 2*s.* To the poure Lazar people of the hospitall of Mary Magdaleyn in Longport 12*d.* To the poure people of the Almeshouse in Ivelchester 12*d.* To the Reliefe of the prisoners of Ivelchester 12*d.* To Sir Peter Milward my Fryse gowne and 3*s.* 4*d.* To my servant John Mathewe my yong bull.

The residue to my son Thomas Walton (executor).

Overseers: my brother William Walton and my gossip Uppehm̃ and to the former my blacke cloke garded with velwet

and to my said gossip Thomas Uppehm̃ my litell gray Amblyng mare.

Witnesses: William Walton, Thomas Uppehm̃, Richard Walton and Sir Peter Mylward.

Proved May 4th, 1551.

1549. AGNES COGAN.

[25 Coode.]

October 28th, 1549. Agnes Coganne of Chard widowe. My body to hollie sepultur in the parish church of Charde. To John Morrishe my servant £30. To Henry Burtonne 20 marks. To Joane Lomanne my servant 20 marks. To Alice Morrishe my servant 20 marks. To the said Johane Lomane and to Alice Morrishe all myne apparell. To George my servant 40*s*. To Christian Coganne my servant 40*s*. After my decease my son John Cogan to have all my burgages within the borrowe of Charde, my Ferme of Chaffcome during my term and all my houses in Taunton. And if he die before lawful age my servant John Morrishe to have the said burgages in Charde except the burgayge which I last purchased which is the corner house standing before the chapell within the borrowe of Charde, which I will that the son of my brother John Morrishe the younger, whose name is John, shall have. And if my said son John Cogane die before the term of my farm of Chaffcome be expired then I will that John Morrishe, Johane Lomane and Alice Morrishe my servants shall occupy the same.

Executors: John Morrishe the elder my brother and William Alforde my brother in Lawe, until my son John Cogan come to lawful age when he shall be my sole executor. If he die, the said John Morrishe and William Alforde to bestow my goods amongst my brothers and sisters' children.

Overseers: John Selwood and John Bell the younger.

Witnesses: John Selwood, John Beile the younger, Harrie Burton, John Morrishe the younger of Colyton, John Morrishe of Charde.

Proved October 31st, 1550.

1549. JOHN POPE.

[4 COODE.]

November 6th, 3 Ed. VI. John Pope of Taunton. My body to be buried in the chauncell of St. Mary Magdaleyn in Taunton to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poore there 4 marks. I will that my three sons Lewes, John and Thomas shall have such portion of goods of my gift as I have willed and commanded my wife before Robert Reed, priest, John Calowe and John Willesdon of Taunton, my overseers, to whom she standeth bound for the delivery of their portions, which bond beareth date November 28th, 3 Ed. VI. (*sic*). I will my son Lewes have his portion after my departing. The portions of John and Thomas to remain in my wife's hands till they be married. To be distributed to the poor, £10.

The residue to Emme Pope my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Robert Reid, priest, vicar of St. Mary Magdaleyn, John Calowe and John Wyllesdon, merchants of the same town.

Proved February 7th, 1549.

1549. AGNES WHITE.

[6 POWELL.]

November 21st, 1549. Agnes Whyte (*als.* Frye). My body to the earth. To the church of Wells, 8*d.* To the parish church of Martoke, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor men's box, 12*d.* To Thomas White, 4 oxen and steres, neither the best neither the worst, my best wayne with all the apparel for to yooke 4 oxen and a baye ambling mare with her colte. To Thomas Howchyn, 20 sheep whereof shalbe tenne wethers and tenne yewes. To Thomas Trootte, towker, my best crocke, etc., and to each of his children, a lambe shepe. To the same Thomas, a cow and her calf whose name is Colver. To Henry Trotte, a bande of Hron for a payre of wheles with the doweltes belonging to the same with a shere and a culter. To Thomas Trotte, a stere of two years and ten sheep the whiche have gone all this year at home. To John Trotte, a cow whose name is Rodye and to

his son a Wenlyn calfe, a crocke that stondith in the soller, a panne of two gallons, a porynger, etc. To Thomas, son of Robert Cribbe, a stere; to Margaret, his sister, an heyffer; to William, his brother, 10 sheep the whiche do goo in Kinges more. To John Squyer of Langport, my young rone mare. To John Hoskyn, a cowe whose name ys Lylly. To Johane Eglonde, my best bedd, my panne whiche ys called the heavy panne, the bright crocke half a dosyn of pewter vessel and the fynest pece of blewe clothe. To the poor people of the almose-house at Westover, 8 busshels of wheat, and of the almose house of Ilchester, the same. To Thomas, son of Thomas Trotte of Aysshe, one yewe shepe. To Johan Pill, half a weight of woll and an olde petycote. To Elizabeth Elyde, her daughter, a weight of woll. To John Rychards of Norton, 10 sheep; to Richard Richards, 9*s.* 4*d.* in his brother's hands, John Richards of Aller. To Thomas Adam, an heifer; to Sir Robert Lowgh a blacke horse colte; to my lady Rogers, my great mare's colt; to Mr. Wytcombe, my great mare; to Mastres Wytcombe, a heifer whose name is Berye; to John Richards, 4 oxen and steres, my olde rone mare, a wayne, a payr of wheeles, a put, a dragge, a neythe, a cowe whose name is Markell and all my debts except Henry Androwe's, Johane Jurdayn's and Mr. Wytcombe's debts, which I forgive. To the same John, a dust bedde. To Johan Salweyes wife of Somerton, my best kyrtell, a kerchief, a necke kerchief, a smocke and a napron. To Richard Pullin, 20*s.* of Mr. Siddeames debt. To Alice, daughter of William Cribbe, an heifer; to the children of Thomas Spacklyn, a sheep each; to William Crybbe, son of Tomson Spacklyn, a shepe; to Laurence Baleche a young bay mare. To lame poor Johane Illarye, a russet cootc slyves and all. To Johane Illary, wife of Illary the clarke, a pair of sheets of canvas. To John Stegge, my servant, two chilver sheep. To Agnes Richards, a cowe one of the twenty. To Agnes and Isabel, my servants a kyrtell clothe of bright vyolet, to each. To Sir Stephen Nurse for his paynes, 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Hyllarde, my lytell boye, 2 silver spones. To John Jurdayne, my godson, a young mare. To Margery Jurdayne, daughter of Johan Jurdayne, a heifer.

The residue to Johane [John] Richards and to Margaret

Hillarde, Thomas Hillarde, John Hillarde, Robert Hillarde, Isabel Hillarde, Alice Hillarde and John Hillarde (executors).

Overseer: Henry Androwe. If the said John Richards or the children of John Hillard ymbesell or take aweye anything other than is delivered by my overseer then they shall have nothing of my goodes.

Witnesses: Sir Stephen Nurse, John Genys, Richard Pope, Elizabeth Elyde, John Stegge and Henry Trott.

Proved May 6th, 1552.

[A sentence relating to this will, February, 1551, is registered at the same folio.]

1549. EDMUND WINTER.

[6 Bucke.]

March 1st, 1549. Edmund Wynter ["of diocese B. and W." Act Book]. My soule to the mercie of Almightie God trusting to have the everlasting fruicon of his Kingdom wt Abram, Isack and Jacobe. My body to be buried where my executors shall think convenient. To my cosyn John Wynter, son of my unckell Edmund Wynter, deceased, the holle apparell ymplements and forneture of three chambers as they now stand, the beddes excepted, that is, the chamber wherein I do now lye, the litle chamber over the buttrie and the greate chamber over the same litle chamber, also five fetherbeds, my lesser ranges of spittes being seven in numbre and the lesser payr of rackes belonging to the same, four of my best pottes, the borde standing in the hall that comonly serveth for the altare, two of my greatist fourmes and two stoolys.

The residue to Elianor, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: my frendes Alexaunder Popham and Nicholas Halswell.

Witnesses: John Cuffe, gentleman, Alexander Sidnam, gentleman, Nicholas Bluet, gentleman, Richard Noke and Richard Willis.

Proved February 24th, 1550.

1550. JOHN CRADOCK.

[34 Bucke.]

May 25th, 1550. John Cradocke of Bydmister, co. Somerset, gentilman. My body to be buried in the parish church of Seynt John Baptist in Bedminster within the quyere where my wife and my son Arthur were buried. To the poor men's box in the said church, 10*s*. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d*. To the curate of Bedminster, 12*d*. To Edythe, my wife, £100 in the hands of John Magot of Bristowe, inholder, and two woods, thone called Wythie wood and thother Seynt John's wood at Bishporte in the parish of Bedminster, during her life, provided she shall coppes sufficiently in the said St. John's wood which contayneth xxxij acres iij styches from tyme to tyme as she fellithe yt and so to maintain it according to the statute of this realm. To my said wife eight collynge horses and all household stuff and lands as she brought with her which were Richard Daues, her late husband's, also the use, while she live sole, of the two pieces of ground which I hold of Fraunces Stradlinge and of two closes called the great nithe and the litle nithe and of a certain ground and a colver house which I hold of Johanne Dewporte, gentilwoman, and of the house which I nowe dwell in with the garden called the Parsonage and of the two garden grounds which I hold of John Ball: after which the said two woods, closes and gardens shall remain to my executors. I will that my wife shall pay to one Anthony Marloo a certeyn dutie which her late husband did owe him. To my said wife all the corn in the barne provided she let John Flemynge of Bristowe and John Mayott of the same town have all such tymber as I have promised to them; provided also that my wife and John Daue, her son, perform all such grants as I have made. I will my wife shall find Mother Skynner her life in all things as I am bound to do. To every of my wife's children, £10. To my mother, 53*s*. 4*d*. yearly. I will that my son John Cradocke shall enter into his lands at the age of 21 years. To Mr. Mathew Herbert, esquyer, my reversion, after the decease of Richard Broke, of a tenement and lands which is of the ground called St. John's ground in Bedminster. To Mr. John Bassete of Llandrythed in Walles my great fetherbed, etc. To Fraunces

Stradlinge, my best gown of caffa. To Mr. Arthur of the Wood my gown of sylke saye furred with foines. To my cousin, Sir Nicholas Harryes, priest, 20*s.* To Robert Harryson, my servant, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, my gray gelding and a lease that I have upon a ground called Luckmore. To Christian, my servant, 40*s.* To Alice Walles, my servant, 10*s.* To Elizabeth, my servant, 5*s.* To Robert Grayle, my servant, 6*s.* 8*d.* All which bequests to my servants I will my executors shall perform before the feast of All Saynts next ensuing and I will they shall receive the issues of my farm of the parsonage of Bedminster to perform my will and to pay my debts and the legacies to my wife's five children bequeathed by their father and by me. My executors to receive the issues of my farmes of Porbery, Ticknam and Clyvedon to pay the rents thereof and to recover all debts due to me or to Richard Daue, late of Bristowe, deceased. And I will they have all my corn growing, six oxen with waynes, one stoned horse, a baye gelding, a great white mare with a colte, xvi elms to be sawed in tymbr leide at Bisshipworth.

The residue to Sir George Herbert, knight, and Mathew Herbert, his son and heir (executors), to whom I bequeath my lease of my farm of the parsonage of Bedminster, which lease I will shall remain in the custody of the Right Worshipfull the Maier and Masters of Bristowe until my legacies and debts be paid. I will my executors discharge my servant Robert Harryson in of and for an obligation wherein he standeth bound to Richarde Haclett of London, skynner, in the sum of £21 13*s.* 4*d.* for the delivery of one hundred dossen of welche mattes which I am paid for, and I will they pay to Robert Graill of Portbury, 20*s.* yearly of and for Hamgren and take the issues of the said Hamgren.

Witnesses: George Herbert, Janken Franklyn, William Dawkyn.

These be the debts that John Cradocke of Bedminster doth owe for himself and for Richard Daue.

To Robert Graill of Porberye at Mighelmas	xxx *li.*
„ the Bishop of Bristowe at Mighelmas	xx *li.* iiij*s.*
„ the Kinges Matie at Christmas	lxxx *li.*

To the Sadler of London at Mighelmas	iij *li.*		
„ Richard Hacklet, skynner of London	xvj *li.*	xiij*s.*	iiij*d.*
„ Mr. Sheparde at Mighelmas	iiij *li.*		
„ Mr. Dalle at Mighelmas	x *li.*		
„ the Kinges Matie of the arrerage of a releffe due at Mighelmas	xj *li.*		
„ Roger Jonnes of Bristowe at Barthilmewtide	ix *li.*	xiij*s.*	iiij*d.*
„ be paid furthe w^{t} Master Pepwell	ix *li.*		
„ Mr. Croston	vj *li.*	viij*s.*	
„ Mr. Harrys of Bristow	ix *li.*	x*s.*	
„ Mr. Grenesmyth of Hampton Courte	xj *li.*		
„ Mr. White of Bedminster	xxv *li.*	xvj*s.*	
„ the churche of Bedminster	iij *li.*		
	Sm̃. ccxliiij *li.*	iiij*s.*	viij*d.*

Proved November 25th, 1551.

1550. RICHARD BUSHE.

[19 Coode.]

May 27th, 1550. Richard Bushe clothmaker of the parishe of Butcombe co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the church of Seynt Michell Tharchaungell at Butcombe. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the church of Butcombe 12*d.* To the poor men's coffer or Almes coffer of the same church 12*d.* To the poor people 12*d.* more. To John Atnasse my brother by the Lawe and to William Bushe my brother a Sortting clothe. To William Bushe my brother aforesaid 40*s.* To Thomas Bushe my brother 20*s.* To Agnes Bushe my kinswoman and servant a heyffer. To John Fry, William Watts, Isabell Bushe my sister, Agnes Whyte, John Phyler and Thomas Colens a yew and a lambe to each. To the said Thomas Colens a payre of hosys and a pair of shoes. Also my wife now being with childe, I bequeath to the said childe when she be delivered thereof £40. The residue to Margerye Bushe my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Ketyngale prest and parson of Butcombe. William Colyer and John Ellys of the parish of Nempnet.

Proved August 22nd, 1550.

1550. ELIZABETH FITZ-JAMES.

[4 Bucke.]

September 1st, 1550. Elizabeth Fitz-james dwelling at the Temple Combe co. Somerset, widowe. My body to be buried in the Chauncell of the parish church of Brewham of Saynt John Baptyst. To the mother church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the mending of the high ways in the parish of Brewham 100*s.* To the reparations of the same church 66*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Brixton Deverell co. Wilts 40*s.* To every householder in the parishes of Combe and Horsington 8*d.*, so that they take paynes to goo wt my corpus to see yt buried, and to every lame and blynde person in the same parishes 8*d.* I will that my executor give peny dole at my buryall and funeralls and such prestes as shall come to have 8*d.* each. To my servant Thomas Weekes an annuity of 40*s.* going out of Barteletts tenement in Cheriton, 200 of my best wethers a fetherbed and two pair of yoman sheets. To William Savery my servant one annuity of 20*s.* out of the said tenement and £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir William Palmer chapleyn the same. To Sir Roger Boydell pryste being in household with me all my lands etc., in the parish of Mornehill co. Dorset. To my brother Richarde Lygons son being my nephew by what name he is or shall be called, all my lands in Sturmister Marshall, Lauerens Waltham, Marnhill, North Cheryton and South Cheryton in the counties of Barkeshire, Somerset and Dorset to have and to hold to him and his heirs and for default of issue the remainder to my right heirs. My executors to take the profit for one half year of my lease of Temple Combe for the pasturing of my cattall and performance of my will, after which my whole interest and term of the premises in Temple Combe to Mary Hyrde and her husband. To my brother Robert Moreton a seriauntes Ringe and to my sister his wife a Rynge wt a Rubye in hit. To my cosyn James Fitz-james a ringe of gold price 40*s.* with E and F ingraved in the same. To Master Seriaunt Harrys a Ring of gold wt a Rubye in it cut and to his wife my best velvet kyrtill. To my cousin Aldred Fitz-james a sperver of a trussing bedd of yellowe and tawny sarcenet and curteyns of the same, a pair of fustian blanketts, my third gilt Ale cupp and my best damaske diaper table clothe and to

his wife my best damask diaper towell etc. To Margaret Fitz-james my god-daughter my best ale cupp, my best gown of satten and my tawny saten kyrtell etc. To her sister my god-daughter six silver spoons. To Dorothe Fitz-james the same. To my cousin William Thornhull a ring of gold with E and F ingraved and to his wife my best velvet bonet. To Mastres Weston my second velvet bonet. To Lawrence Hyde a ringe of gold with a fayre dyamounde in hit. To Mr. Parson Nicholson six silver spoons. To the parson of Bryxton Deverell and the vicar of Henstridge a black gown to each. To Phillip Etere 20*s*. To all such as shall be of my household or clothinge at my death six silver spoons with E and F ingraved in thendes and to each of them his or her blacke cote or gown. To John Galley my servant the elder 100 wethers and one tester of a bedd of redd and grene saye and to his wife a Cassock of unwater Chamlet. To Thomas Brunds wife my servant two kyen. To Walter Huet of Salisbury taylor, 20 marks. To every of my gentilwomen, to the elder in service my second best gown, to thother my third best gown. My executors to see Thomas Mylar found in meat, drink and clothing until he come to years of discretion, and then to be bound prentice to some craftsman. To the said Thomas £4 and one of my best plough oxen and he to be double appareled in all things. To William Corket junior 40*s*. To Pytridge one of my best plough oxen. To John Crokett 40*s*. To John Doll *als*. Michill 40*s*. To Ely 40*s*. Among the pourest householders in Brewham Alforde Bryan and Burneham 40*s*. All the wood left after my months mind at my house to be bestowed among my poor neighbours in Combe and Horsington. To the mending of the highe waye at Abbayes forde 40*s*. and betwixt Combe and Shasberye 40*s*. To William Michell my servant £3 6*s*. 8*d*., a bruche wt a man in hym and my colte in Seelles. To Robert Stydman my servant and to Jane Benbery £3 6*s*. 8*d*. each To Margaret Fitz-james and Elizabeth Hannam all my lynnen apparell saving my smockes. To Thomas Garrat my servant my fourth best mare, and to his wife a fetherbed etc. To my servant William Wyne my fyfte best mare. To John Kynge and Joan Wygmore my servants 40*s*. each. My smockes to be divided between Thomas Garrat's wife, John Garrat's wife, Mother Becham,

Clewell's wife and Wayres wife. To Phillipp Stone 20*s*. To my cousin Margaret Maudeley my cassocke of blak damaske and to my cousin her daughter in law my litle ringe wt a Ruby. To my cousin Richard Maudley 20 wethers and to my godson George his brother 40 wethers. I will my executors make proclamation in the towns of Brewton and Sherborne within two months of my decease that if there be any person that can clayme debt of me they shall demand the same, duly proved, of my executors. Of the residue one half to my executors and the other half to be bestowed in mending of high ways, to prisoners and to the marriage of the poor where as I had lands.

Executors: Mine approved friends, my cousin Anthony Gylbert, my cousin Roger Mawdeley and Robert Evered *als.* Newman. And if they fail in the execution of my will, then Mr. Thomas Clerke, Sir John Dotyn, clerk, and Sir Thomas Classe, clerk, to be my executors.

Overseers: Sir Thomas Speake, knight, Mr. John Harrys seriaunte at the lawe and my cousin Aldred Fitz-james.

Witnesses: L. Hyde, Richard Lawrence, William Saverß, Nicholas Gilbert.

CODICIL.

Forasmuché as there ys come to my knowledge that some of those to whom I have given dyvers legacies are mynded after my decease trobelowsely to demande more, my farder will is that yf any person to whom I have given any legacie molest any of my executors or otherwise imbesyll any of my goods personall or Ryall or do breke any article or clause of my said will, then my bequest to them to be utterly frustrate and voyd. November 19th, 4 Ed. VI. In the presence of Sir Thomas Horner, knight, John Horner, esquier, and John Smyth *als.* Cockez.

Proved February 6th, 1550.

1550. HENRY LAGHWILL.

[27 Coode.]

October 19th, 1550. Henry Lawghwyll in Mynhed. My body to be buried in the church of Mynhed to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor men's box 3*s.* 4*d.* To the were of Mynhed 6*s.* 8*d.* To my six children £100, that is to Agnes and John £10 each, to Robert, Alice, Katheryn and Johane £20 each, and if any die before they be of lawful discretion or marriageable their goods to remain to the survivors. The goods to remain in my wife's hands until she promes mariage and then she to deliver the £100 to Mychell Lawghwill, William Prelatt and Robert Terell my overseers. To William Terell 20*s.* To John Terell 20*s.* The residue to Johane my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Thomas Robert, clerke, Richard Gelys and William Polyng.

Proved November 19th, 1550.

1550. HENRY PURY.

[28 Bucke.]

November 27th, 4 Ed. VI. Henrye Purye of the peculyer of Cudworth. My body to be buried in the churchyerde of Cudworth. To my aunte Elyn Knight, a quarter of wheat and ten wether sheep. To Maryan Dowham, a bushel of wheat. To John Wygham, 10*s.* To William Robyns and Denys his sister, two yewes apiece. Elynor Perys, daughter of William Perys, two yewes. To John Norton's son, the youngest, my best cote. To Thomas Ellyott, curate, 12*d.* with a better reward at the discretion of my overseers.

The residue to my brothers and sisters, that is, John, Richard, Roger, William, Johane and Elizabeth (executors).

Overseers: William Membrye, the elder, John Launce and Robert Lumbert, and they to have these goods in their keeping till my executors come to the age of twenty years or marry.

Witnesses: William Membrey, John Launce, Robert Lumbert and Thomas Elyot.

Proved October 17th, 1551.

1550. ALICE JANE.

[8 Bucke.]

November 30th, 1550. Alice Jane of Chafcomb, widow. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Chafcomb or elsewhere where it please my executors. To the parson there, 4*d.* To Robert Hawkyns, my son, a mare, a fetherbed, a bolster and a gerete fate. To Alice, his wife, a silver spoon and to each of their children, 8*d.* To John Grynfilde and his wife, my best cow, a greate cawdron, a bruyng trye and my best red peticote. To every of their four sons, 8*d.* To Alice Grynfylde, a grene coverlet and a porynger. To Mary Grynfelde and Elynor, 12*d.* each, and to every other of their mayden children, 8*d.* To John Gammon and his wife, my second cow, a shete, a blanket, the long grene helen, a cubberd, etc., and to each of their children, 8*d.* To Agnes, their daughter, the long stelde possnet, a poger and a whey panne. To Water Palmer and his wife, my third cow and the new crocke, etc. To John Palmer, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Richard Palmer, 12*d.*, Markes Palmer, Alice Palmer and to every of them, 8*d.* To John Elyott and his wife, the fourth cow, etc., and a litle old whiche. To Agnes Elyott of the bequest of Nycholas Hawkyns, a potynger, and of my bequest, a gallon black panne, a candelstik, a crymsyn kirtell and the wex crocke and to Mary Elyott, a potinger, and to every of his other children, 8*d.* To my sister, Elynor Bristow, a kerchyff and to Edithe, her daughter, 8*d.* To Peter Hawkyns and Gye Hawkyns, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To Isabell Cole, my daughter, if she be alive, 5*s.* of the bequest of Nicholas Hawkyns and 8*s.* 4*d.* of my bequest and if she be dede, the same to her two eldest daughters and if they be dead, to be divided between Robert Hawkyns, John Grynfelde, John Gammon, Water Palmer and John Elyott. All trashe of householde to be divided between Robert Hawkyns, John Grynfilde, John Elyot, Edith Gammon and Margery Palmer.

Residue: Robert Hawkyns, John Grynfylde and Water Palmer (executors).

Witnesses: John Clawseye, parson there, William Morren, William Welman, Robert Macye and Robert Lambert.

Proved March 9th, 1550.

1550. THOMAS RICHEMAN *ALS.* SHEPARD.

[36 BUCKE.]

January 12th, 1550. Thomas Richeman otherwise Sheppard of the parish of Babyngton, co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the churchyard. To William my son, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and four drawte bullocks of the worst. To John, Thomas and Richard, my sons, £20 each. To my daughters Johane and Edeth, 20 marks each. To Robert my son, £40. If my wife Dorothie do not marry these children to have no claim to these bequests but at her pleasure, provided that my son Robert have his £40 whether my wife marry or not. To my mother, 40*s.*

The residue to my wife Dorothie (executrix).

Witnesses: Edward Style, parsone, Richard Coke, Thomas Plentye.

Proved December 10th, 1551.

1550. JOHN SWETYNG.

[12 COODE.]

January 14th, 1550. John Swetynge of Stogumer, the elder. My body to me buried in the church of Stogumer. To the church boxe, 20*s.* Every one of my godchildren, 5*s.* John, my eldest son, to have the land of Wexforde which, to be performed, I put my trust in Sir John Wyndham, knyght. To Hugh, my son, £20. To Henry, Robert and William, my sons, £20 each. To Robert, my son, 6 silver spoons, a cubbarde, a tableboorde and a trowe to put corne in. To Johan, Isabell, Margaret and Agnes, £20 each. And if all my said children die then £6 13*s.* 4*d.* of the said sums of money to remain to my brothers children and the residue to my wife. To John, my son, two pair of lomes and if there be six slayes in the house he shall have three of them and his mother other three. Also yf John have any goodes of his owne—be it neversomoche—his mother shall have nothynge to do wt it.

The residue to Christyan, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Sir John Wyndham, Robert Swetynge, my brother, and Thomas Zele.

Witnesses: Sir John Wyndham, Robert Swetynge and Justinian Langcaster.

Proved May 12th, 1550.

1550. JOHN GRYMSTED.

[2 POWELL.]

February 2nd, 1550. John Grymsted of the parish of Weste Pennard. My body to be buried in the churchyard of West Pennard. To the poore mens box of the same church, 20*d.* To Agnes Grymsted and Joane Grymsted, 20*s.* each. To William Grymsted, 6*s.* 8*d.* To every of my godchildren, a lamb and 4*d.* apiece. To the reparations of the high waies, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Of the residue, one half to my wife Edithe (executrix) so that she have my household stuff, my grayne and ploughe harnys and the other half to my seven children, viz., John, John, Margerie, Thomas, William, Robert and Thomas. If any of them die before lawful age his or her part to remain to the survivors.

Overseers: Hayne and Thomas Bucke.

Witnesses: Sir John Crandon, priest, Richard Hayne, Thomas Bucke and Thomas Wylkyns.

Proved January 27th, 1551.

1550. JOHN BONVILE.

[22 BUCKE.]

February 26th, 1550. John Bonvyle of West Dillyngton in the parish of Illmystre, Esquier. My body to be buried in the parish church of Illmystre, to which church for the breking of the grounde and my buryall and towards the reparations 13*s.* 4*d.* To the vicar of Illmystre or his proctor now being fermore there for tythes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high parsone of Creukerne or to his proctor or fermer there for tythes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To Margrett my wife four fetherbedds, one at Clapton, and the other three in my Est chamber at Dylynton, all my household stuff at Clapton, two silver cuppes doble gylt one weying xxiiij ounces and a half and the other xix ounces and

a half, two silver goblets value £4, and a white silver cup or cruse. To my daughter Johane Bonvyle £50 at her marriage. To my daughter Gertred Bonvyle the same, and I will my wife Margrett have the rule of my said two daughters until their marriage. To my son Nicholas Bonvyle my best cloke.

The residue to Thomas my son (executor).

Overseers: John Ogans esquyer, my brother Gye Bonvyle, and Humfrey Wallrond of See.

Witnesses: John Ogans, Humfrey Wallrond, Nicholas Rose, Hughe Whogans, Nicholas Bonvyle, Henry Sympson.

Proved August 19th, 1551.

1551. WILLIAM HAYNE.

[34 WRASTLEY.]

May 10th, 1551. William Hayne of Kyngestone juxta Yevell, yeman. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Yevyll. To the cathedral church of Wells, 4*d.* To the church of Yevyll 12*d.* To the poor people of the Almsehowse of Yevyll 3*s.* 4*d.* To the prisoners of Ilchester 3*s.* 4*d.* To Jone my wife 4 oxen and 40 wethers, 2 myll horsses, also all suche kynde of grayne as I do now grow upon all those bargaynes that I do hold with my mother-in-law Jone Erlyche, the fetherbed and silver spones which my father gave to me, with the bedstede in my parlour. To William my son the bedstede and fetherbed that I do now ly in and all such debts as John Cleves and William Mylford of Mũtygew owe me. To my daughter Alice a flockbedd. All the rest of my household stuf to Jone my wife and William and Alice my two children. To William my son my lease of Rodgrove and of the house in Backstrete in Yevyll which I bought of the portryfe and burgesses of Yevyll and if he die before lawful age, the said two leases shall remain to Alice my daughter. To Grace Wilton 40*s.* To my father my best gelding and my two burgages which I bought of my Lord Sturton for ever. To my brother Gyles Hayne my best salt of silver and gilt.

The residue to William my son and Alice my daughter (executors).

Overseers: my father William Hayne and my brother Gyles Hayne to whom I commit the custody of my children's goods until they come to lawful age. If they both die their goods shall remain to my father and to my brother Gyles and his children.

Witnesses: Sir John Beall curate, John Tyrdo, William Stone, John Pillippes the elder, Richard Jacobbe, Thomas Clare, Artyr Mawnsyll, "acta per me Johñ Beall curat de Yevill."

September 22nd, 1557. Administration committed to William Hayne and Giles Hayne the overseers, during the minority of William and Alice, children and executors of the deceased. January 25th, 1574. Testamentum hujusmodi probatur per executores.

1551. WILLIAM CLERK.

[8 POWELL.]

July 9th, 1551. The honourable man Master William Clerk, lying sick in his bed, bequeathed his body to be buried in the choir of the parish church of Barrowe of which he is *dominus et solus patronus.* To William Clerk his son and heir 1000 marks, to remain in the custody of his wife, mother of the said William. To his own mother £40. To his sister Elizabeth £20. To his sister *de Londonus* and to her sons £40. To Paul Tharmtun, Henry Tharmtun and Ann Tharmtun £60. To his brother Eddemend Clerk the custody and marriage of William Sexter with all the lands in Tantun which the said William Clerk holds as appears in the patent.

The residue to his wife to whom he bequeathed £100 *supra* Edward Thynt burgess of the town of Bristo, and £100 *supra* John Welches merchant and burgess of the said town, and £100 *supra* Martin File merchant of the said town, and £100 *supra* Robert Ache.

Item: *supra* William a Morgan of the town of Newporte, *et supra* Thomas Chester merchant of Bristo, £100; *supra* John Prynte merchant of Bristow £30, *supra* Thomas Chapman £20, *et supra* William Thynte de Bowthen £10.

And the aforesaid gentleman gave to his wife his lands and

hereditaments in the parish of Barro and after (her) death he wished his son and heir William Clerk to possess them and if he died without heir, Edemend Clerk his brother to have the same and if he died without heir Henry Tharmtun to have the said lands.

Executrix : his wife.

Overseers : Master William Charultun, knight, Eddemend Clerk, Master William Morgan, and Giles Amorgan.

Proved March 4th, 1551.

Administration committed to Jane, relict.

[A sentence relating to this will is registered at the same folio.]

1551. THOMAS SPEKE, KNT.

[18 BUCKE.]

July 11th, 1551. Sir Thomas Speke, knight, one of the gentilmen of the Kinges most honorable privy Chamber. My body to be buried in the churche of Seynt Dunstons within Temple Barre in London. To George Speke my son and heir all my lands in the counties of Somerset, Devon, and Cornewall and elsewhere, all such reversions of lands which shall come to my heirs wherein I stand revertioner and the reversion of the lands of John Beachampe, Esquier, which should come to me and my heirs after the death of the said John Beachampe. And if the said George my son die without issue, then the premises shall remain to my two daughters Elizabeth Speke the elder and Elizabeth Speke the younger and if one of them die without issue, the same shall remain to the heirs of the longest liver and for default of issue to my next heirs. To my wife £240 in old gold, the one half of all my household stuff, the manor of Dolishe so long as she keepeth sole paying the yearly rent thereof to my said son, and all her juelles and apparell. To my said son George my two great Chaynes in my deske with all other my juelles and apparell and also, because he is a young man and is like to be greatly charged, all my stocks of money and the residue of all my goods. To each of my two daughters abovesaid 500 marks towards their marriages. Whereas I have made divers estates of bargains and copie holdes both of my own lands and of the Kinges lands in

Somerset, whereof I was his hignes Surveyor by his grace's lrẽs patentes under his seale of the courte of Augmentations and Revenues of his Crowne as well as to my own servants as to sundry other persons, of the which grants some be not full performed, I will therefore that the same states shall stand in full force and effect desiring my executors and overseers to see and procure the same to be in good estate and strength because most of them be not taken and enrolled in the courte rolles as I was minded they should have been at my next coming down.

Executors: my said son George Speke and my said wife.

Overseers: Sir William Harberte, knight, the Lord Warden, Sir Hughe Poulet, knight, Alexander Popham, Esquier, and John Walron, Esquier. To Mr. Wrathe of the pryvie chamber my sore gossehawke.

Witnesses: John Sidenhm̃, William Gravesende, Thomas Grenewoode who held his pillowe, Willm̃ Warner who dyd holde his bolster, Thomas Waye, Robert Davars, Roger Baker, Phillip Lightfoote.

Memorandum: that Roger Baker, Robert Davars and William Gravesende, affirm all things contained in the same will except the bequeathing of the stocks of money and the appointing of the executors, at which they were absent. Also William Gravesende standithe in doubte whether the said Sir Thomas sayd his wyfe shoulde have half of all his goodes or whether he said she shoulde have all his household stuf. In this point the said Gravesende standith in doubte and dyd not harken to the same because he thought the said Mr. Speke wolde not dye.

Proved July 18th, 1551. Administration granted to George Speke, power reserved to the relict and executrix when she shall appear.

A sentence, November 14th, 1552, confirming the above will with the exception of the clauses relating to Elizabeth the relict (als Willoughby) is registered at fo. 32, Powell.

1551. JOHN COMPTON.

[6 TASHE.]

July 20th, 1551. John Compton of Glastenberie, gentilman. My body to be buried in hollie earthie where it please God. To St. Andrewe's church in Wells, 12*d.* To the church of St. Jones of Glastonbury 12*d.* To either of the two Almeshouses of Glastenbury 12*d.* All the yeres to come after my death, of Master Horner's land called Wellington, to my son Silvester Compton, and one tenement in Warmester of 20*s.* rent.

The residue to Thomas and Silvester my sons (executors).

Overseers: John Light of Lightes Caric, esquier, to whom I bequeath my writing dexe of Sipers.

Witnesses: both my sons, John White the elder, my servant, Thomas White his son, and John Light of Lightescarie, esquier, was writer of this my last will.

Proved March 9th, 1552.

1551. JOHN HEWYSH.

[3 TASHE.]

July 24th, 1551. John Hewyshe of Donyforde, gentleman. My body to be buried in the parish church or chauncell of Sainct Decuman. To Dorothe Hewyshe my eldest daughter £20. To Alice Borne my youngest daughter £7 6*s.* 8*d.* and one obligation wherein my brother Humphrey Walrond and one Thomas Alston of Charde stand bound unto me for the payment of £20. To Jamys Huysh my youngest son £20. To Roger Hewyshe my son all my lease in my tenement in Donyforde which I had of the grant and demise of one John Walton, afterwards confirmed by Robert Walton gentleman his cousin and next heir.

The residue to the said Roger Hewyshe my son (executor).

Witnesses: John Borne, Thomas Abington, Rychard Dodington, and John Dodington.

Further, the said John Hewyshe afterward bequeathed to William Hewyshe his son 6 oxen, 6 kyene, fourscore shepe, and the half of his swyne. To Dorothe Hewyshe his daughter, a

fetherbed, a flockbedd or mattres, etc., and a pece of silver which he had in gage of Humfrey Walrond, gentleman, his brother in the lawe upon the lone of £4. To Sir Robert his preste a payr of sheets and 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to Anne his servant a jackett of chamlet.

Proved February 8th, 1552.

1551. ALEXANDER BARQUELEY.

[17 POWELL.]

July 25th, 1551. Alexander Barqueley, doctor of divinitie, vicar of Myche Badowe co. Essex. My body to be buried where it shall please God. To the poor people of the said parish of Badowe 50*s.* To the reparations of the same church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor people of the parishe of Owkey co. Somerset 50*s.* To the reparations of the same church 6*s.* 8*d.* To Mr. Horsey of Tawnton one fetherbed and a bolster which I had of him or else 20*s.* To Edwarde Capper otherwise called Edwarde Mathewe of Tawnton, 33*s.* 4*d.* To Johane Atkynson daughter of Thomas Atkynson of London scryvener, one fetherbed whereuppon I used to lye having a new tyke with the bolster, blankettes and coverlett, tester, pillowe and two payre of my best shetes and £8 to be received of the money due unto me by Cutbeard Crokk of Wynchester, also a flockebed, a quylte and all my pewter, brasse and other stuf of my kechen. To Jeronymy Atkynson daughter of the said Thomas Atkynson £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to be received of the said Cutbeard Crok. To Tymothy and Elizabeth Atkynson daughters of the said Thomas Atkynson £5 each, to be received of the said Cutbeard Croke. The rest of the money which he oweth me, £80, I bequeath to be divided amongst poor and needy persons and manely to such as be bedred, blynd, lame, ympotent, wydowes and fatherles children. If any of the said four children of Thomas Atkynson die before 20 years of age or marriage, his or her part so deceasing shall remain to the survivors. To Sir John Gate, knight, Sir Henry Gate, knight, and to Mr. Cheke four angell nobles each to make every of them a ringe of golde to be worne in remembrance of me. To Hugh Rooke of London scryvener, Henry Bosoll of London

goldsmythe, Thomas Wytton of London screvener, and to the wife of Humfrey Stevens of London goldsmythe, to Humfrey Edwardes clerk, and John Owhañ of the parish of Badowe, to each of them one angell noble of gold or else ye valew thereof in silver. To Mr. Thomas Clerk of Owkey, Thomas Eden, gentleman, and to the said Thomas Atkynson 4 angell nobles each to make therof for every of them a Ringe to were in remembrance of our oulde acquayntaunce and famyliarity. My executors to distribute at the day of my burial among poor and needy people £6 15*s*. To Parnell Atkynson, the wife of the said Thomas Atkynson, my cosyn, £13 13*s*. 4*d*. To John Watson of London clotheworker, 3 angell nobles to make a Ring therof to be worn in Remembraunce of oure oulde famyliarytie. Also I desire all such as shall have eny benyfytt by these my legacies and all other good chrestian people to pray to Almightie God for remission of my synnes and mercy upon my soule. To Johan Bowyer the sister of the said Parnell my cosen 40*s*. To the said Thomas Atkynson £10 whom with the said Thomas Eden I constitute executor, to whom I bequeath the residue of all my goods to be distributed at their discretion in workes of mercy to poor people, not peny mele but by larger portion to persons bedred, maydens, widowes and other ympotent persons.

Overseer: the said Mr. Rochester (*sic*).

Proved June 10th, 1552. (Obiit apud Croidon.)

[A sentence relating to this will is registered at fo. 11, Tashe.]

1551. RICHARD MALLETT.

[10 POWELL.]

July 25th, 5 Ed. VI. Richard Mallett of Corypole co. Somerset, esquier. Concerning my manors of Sherehampton and Lawresweston in the county of Gloucester, my lands in Henbury, Westbury, Almesbury, and Fillton in the same county, my manor of Dewdoñ co. Devon, my manors of Oke, Lydearde Powncherden, Charlynche and Corseley co. Somerset, and my lands in Postridge in the parish of Ayshole and in Borchippull in the parish of Kyngsbury co. Somerset now in the

occupation of William Hodges and Agnes Lye, as also my manor of Wraxhall co. Wilts, I will that Elizabeth Mallet my wife, Dame Margaret Luttrell widow, Sir John Wyndham knight, Richard Rogers, Thomas Luttrell, John Payne, Barthilmew Combe and Robert May, Esquiers, shall yearly receive, after my decease, all the rents of all the said manors and lands and therewith shall pay these bequests: To every of my household servants one year's wages. To the poor people of Taunton £10, of Bridgwater £10, and of the parishes of Enmore and Chirlynche £10. To each of my children £400 for their marriages. To my sister Mary Mallet 100 marks of my mother's gift and 300 marks for her marriage. To my sister Johane £80. And if any of my children or my sisters Elizabeth (*sic*) or Mary do not marry by the assent of my wife or executors they shall have but half my bequests above made to them. And after the performance of my will my lands shall remain to my heir. After my decease, Elizabeth Mallet my wife shall have my mansion house of Coripole with the parke and a water myll and all my manor of Corypole and one house or ferme called Swyngdon with 200 acres of lands thereto belonging in the parish of Charlynche, one close of pasture called Gennells Hooke in the parish of Bridgwater so long as she live sole, paying therefor yearly to my heirs a Redd rose at the feast of the Natyvitie of Saynt John the Baptist, if it be asked. All my goods I bequeath to the said Elizabeth Mallet my wife (executrix), and if she marry again I will that she pay immediately to Thomas Mallet my son 400 marks.

Overseers: the abovesaid Dame Margarett Luttrell widow, Sir John Wyndham knight, Richard Rogers, Thomas Luttrell, John Payne, Barthilmewe Combe and Robert Maye, Esquiers.

Witnesses: John Payne, Barthilmew Combe, esquiers, William Michell, Nicholas Stallynche Myller and others.

Proved March 31st, 1552.

[July 2nd, 1584, Commissio emanavit Georgio Speke armigero ad administranda bona dicti defuncti, per dictam Elizabetham relictam, executricem et matrem dicti Georgii jam defunctam non plene administrata.]

1551. THOMAS LITMAN.

[14 NOODES.]

August 9th, 5 Ed. VI. Thomas Litman of the parish of Buckland. My body to be buried where it please God. To Henry Longe son of Thomas Longe of Trowbridge the house that I dwell in and my holding at Laverton. If he die without issue the same to remain to James Longe son of Harry Longe of Whaddon. To Edward Horton son of Thomas Horton my holding at Corseley. To Thomas Litman of Lees 10*s.* To St. Andrewe's church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish churches of Frome, Corseleye, Merston Bigott, Murnney, Whatley, Elme, Hennyngton, Laverton, Wolverton, Beckington, Roode, Coleford, Wingefeld, Hungerford Farleigh, Westwood, Holt, Skymorl Upton, Lullington and Borteley, 3*s.* 4*d.* to each. To the parish church of Bucklande 6*s.* 8*d.* To Dame Elianore Barkisdale 20*s.* To every household servant of Margery Hortons 12*d.* To Thomas Pewe of Brouzeton a fetherbed. To Sir Thomas Philippes curate of Frome 3*s.* 4*d.* I bequeath £10 to be divided amongst my kynnerede called Classys. To the poor at the day of my burial and at my Monethis ende £10. To the Ringars at my burial 12*d.* each. To the four men that bear me to the church 4*d.* each. To John Bailif of Roode a gown of gentishe tawny. To Richard Cooles all my household corne and cattall (executor).

Overseers: Mr. Thomas Longe of Trowbridge and Robert Courte of Frome.

Witnesses: Thomas Long, John Walford, Thomas Stocke.

Proved January 31st, 1557.

[Commission to administer granted to Elizabeth Cooles relict of Richard Cooles the executor named.]

1551. EDITH THORNE.

[12 POWELL.]

August 14th, 5 Ed. VI. Edythe Thorne, widow, of the parish of Lylstoke. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Lylstoke. To the poor men's box of Lylstoke 4*d.* To the

Curatt of Lylstoke 3*s.* 4*d.* To Gyles Taylor my servant my wayne, whelis, yokes, ropes, zulle, dreye and harrowe and one broche. To Johane Thorne my son's daughter two vates etc. The residue to Johan Thorne abovesaid and to William Colles and John Colles my daughter's children (executors).

Witnesses: Gyles Rugge clerke, vicar of Kylton, Androwe Colles, John Yewen and Gyles Taylor.

Proved April 29th, 1552.

1551. THOMAS DONNE.

[8 POWELL.]

December 6th, 1551. Thomas Donne in the parish of Barwyke. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Barwyke. To the church of Barwyke 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of St. Andrew in Wells 4*d.* To poor people 12*d.* To four of my eldest children xxxij sheep, viz. William, Joane, John and Alice and four pans, four crokes etc., and one wight of wolle. To William my son my best coote, my best worsted doblett and a cow. To Alice Godfraye my daughter in law six sheep or 40*s.* and a dosyn of hempe. To Nicholas Sely my blacke coote. To John Rosse my fryce coote and a wether shepe. To William Frenche one wether shepe. The residue to Anne my wife, Richard and John my youngest sons (executors), and if either of the latter die before xvj years of age, his part to remain to the survivor. If any of the above four children die before the age of xviij years, his or her goods shall remain to the survivors. Item, yf ther be anny getheringe made in the parishe for the mayntayning of the churche, I bequeathe one sacke of Malte to the churche.

Witnesses: Henry Lyrbike, Curate, William Denbery, John Myller, John Crise.

Overseers: Sir Henry, Thomas Frye, John Denys, Richard Berton, godfathers to my youngest sons.

Proved March 5th, 1551.

1551. ROGER KINSEY.

[13 POWELL.]

January 17th, 1551. Roger Kynsey in the parish of Wynsham, gentilman. My body to be buried where it please God. To the mother church of Wells, 20*s.* To Elizabeth, my daughter and heir, £20. To George Serrye, £20. To Isabell his sister to her marriage, £20. To Hugh Pyscyñ of Est Elworthe, 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Pysyñ, Richard Pysyñ, Johan Paynes and Alice Peke, her sister, 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To Hugh Pysyñ and Robert his brother, and to Roger Pysyñ, my godson, 12*d.* each. To Elizabeth Pysyñ, to her marriage, 40*s.* To John Clutterye, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Agnes Cluttery, his sister, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Edmond Langden, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Edward Glede, my late servant, 12*d.* To Margery Hengeston, 12*d.* To the rest of my servants, 4*d.* each. To John Stephyns and to Julyan, his sister, 12*d.* If Elizabeth Coxsdon, my daughter and heir, die without issue, my land of Haye to remain to George Serrye and my land at Exceter and Alphyngton to John Pysyñ and my land at Crukerne to Richard Pysyñ. To the forsaid Hugh Pysyñ, John Pysyn and Richard, his brothern, and to George Serrye, all my tyn works. My wife Elizabeth's dowry of all my said lands and tyn works to be reserved during her life. If my lands of Exceter and Alphyngton for default of issue of my daughter Elizabeth, come to John Pysyn, I will he and his heirs pay yearly to Johan Payn, wife of John Payn, 26*s.* 8*d.*; and to Alice Beke, wife of Nicholas Beke, the same; and to Isabell Serryes, the same.

The residue to my wife Elizabeth (executrix).

Overseers: John Toose, gentleman, and Jehn Wallys.

Witnesses: the said overseers, John Hengeston, John Pike and William Bawdon.

Proved May 6th, 1552.

1551. JOHN PERSON.

[6 POWELL.]

February 2nd, 1551. John Person of the parish of Longe Sutton. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Long Sutton. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* To the

parish church of Long Sutton, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor men's box, 12*d.* To William Mapowder, now being in my house in my keeping, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid by Thomas Mapowder, gentleman. To Margery Hoskyn, two ewe sheep. To the mending of the cawse waye between the church and my house, 20*s.* To Thomas Saye, a heifer with her calf.

The residue to Deannes, my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Harte, vicar of Longe Sutton, Richard Freydaie and John Person, my neighbour.

Proved February 20th, 1551.

1551. WILLIAM SMYTH.

[6 POWELL.]

February 16th, 1551. William Smythe of Chard. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Chard. To the poor men's box, 3*s.* 4*d.* within the parish of Chard. To my six children, Richard, Margett, Alice, John, Thomas and Henry, 40*s.* each at the age of 18 years.

The residue to Johane, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Clappe and William Selwood.

Witnesses: John Selwood and John Chapell.

Proved February 20th, 1551.

1551. ALICE DERELL.

[25 POWELL.]

March 9th, 1551. Alice Derell of Merkesbury, widow. My body to holy burial. To Johañ Saunders, my daughter's child, one dosen of silver spoons and two weddyng gyrdells plated with silver and my best coverlet, which shall remain in the keeping of her mother Agnes Saunders, my daughter, till she come to lawful age. To my cousin Richard Gage, my donne mare, my best colt, my great crock, my parte and other half of my brewing kettill. To John Holbroke and Johan Holbroke children of my son-in-law Thomas Holbroke, a cow to each.

The residue to my daughter Agnes Saunders and to Richard Gage, my cousin (executors).

Overseers: Thomas Holbroke and John Aprice.

Witnesses: John Bysse, Nicholas Barnhouse, Nicholas Bathe *als.* Jobyn, clerk, William Chapman and John Aprice.

Proved October 6th, 1552.

1551. JOHN WEBBE.

[14 POWELL.]

March 24th, 1551. John Webbe, vicar of Est Chynnock. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Est Chynnock. To the mother church in Wells, *6d.* To the parish of Est Chynnock, to the high ways or to any other necessity, *20s.* in the hands of Richard Slade of Est Chynnock. To Richard Perye, my brother-in-law seven kye and heffers, a mare and two pygges. To Isbell Perye, his daughter, two kye, all my shepe and lambes and my best gowne. To Edye Perye, daughter of the said Richard, two bullocks going in my lease at Wodelonge and all my corn and hemppe in the house. To John Webbe, son of Barnarde Webbe, whom I make my executor, 20 marks in the hands of Thomas Symes of Chard, my brother-in-law, a maser bound with silver, a fetherbed with bolster, pillowe and pillowe tye; provided that the residue remain to Richard Perye abovesaid. I, Robert Gybbys rede this to the aforesaid John Webbe Aprill xjth before Henry Tailler and Richard Coplande and he was content that this will shall stonde.

Proved May 16th, 1552.

[Cessate Grant April, 1562.]

1552. JOHN HYGDON.

[27 POWELL.]

May 10th, 6 Ed. VI. John Hygdone of the parish of Merstone [Marston Magna]. My body to be buried in the church of Merstone. To Anne Cutler, wife of William Cutler, my young mare. To John Hayile my old mare. To Robert Stokes, Edward Waterman, Nicholas Shude, Richard Barber, Stephyn Phillips, Thomas Jenkyne, Henry Wylcokes, John Cutler, John Wever, Robert Tayler, Raynold Damper, John

Warde, Thomas Jenñs and Robert Mottes, 20*d.* and a bushel of wheat to each. To Isbell Powmery, widow, 20*d.* To Humfrey Umfry a bushel of wheat. To William Haylle my oxe called Prettye. To Annys Hayle and Jelyan Hayle, 4 sheep each. To Christian Hayle 20*s.* which William Burche oweth me. To Thomas Hygdone 20*s.*, Water Hygdone two yearlings, Peter Higdone a yearling calf, and to the rest of Richard Hygdon's children 2 sheep each. To my servant Richard Hammã, two steres of two years age, an aker of wheate that lieth agaist John Martyns backe syde. To John Hame two bushels of bennys to whom I owe a bushel of wheate. To John Cutler a heifer. To each of John Cutler's children two sheep. To my brother Edward Hygdone, 20*s.* To repair the faltes of the church 40*s.*, in the hands of Richard Clench of Rymton. To repair the faltes of a lane called Lambrokes lane lying at Marstone 40*s.* which William Barber oweth me. To John Goodsons 20*d.* and a bushel of wheat. To the vicar of Merston and my curat, 10*s.* To my overseers William Cutler and Robert Goodson, 10*s.* each. To Mother Sparrows of Sherbornne 20*d.* and a bushel of wheat. To Annys Myltons of Yevell, 20 pound of wool. To William Hayle, my weyn and whills of my weyn only. To John Bayly 20*d.* and a bushel of wheat, Margret [ ] 3*s.* 4*d.*, Frykes wife 10*s.*, and to Isbel Jenñs 20*d.* and a bushel of wheat. I will my executors for ten years yearly keep a dirige for my soule if it shall stand with the Kinges procedings and to bestow a mark apiece thereupon, or else they shall bestow that marke yearly upon the poor neighbours of Merston until the 20 nobles be bestowed. To every poor man that cometh to my burial a peny. To the Clarke, a bushel of malte, and half a bushel of wheat. To Pachy half a bushel of wheat. To Goodd's wife, the same. To the poor woman dwelling with Thomas Clench 20*d.* To John Conocke, a bushel of wheat. I forgive William Barber, son of Annys Barbar, 4*s.* of the 8*s.* he oweth me. The residue to Richard Hygdone and John Hayle (executors).

Witnesses: Robert Elyott, vicar, William Cutler, Robert Goodson.

Proved October 27th, 1552.

1552. JOHN COGAN.

[3 TASHE.]

June 6th, 1552. John Cogan of the parish of Martock. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Martock. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* To the parish church of Martock, 5*s.* To the relief of the poore, 40*s.* To John Cogan, Stephyn Cogan and William Cogan, my sons, and to Johane Cogan, my daughter, £35 each. William my son, to have in reversion of my wife, my house and bargayne in Lamporte. To Symon Towker, my wife's son, 40*s.* To Johane Towker, my wife's daughter, 5 marks, which John Gold the elder oweth me for an oxe.

The residue to Maryon my wife (executrix).

Overseers: George Spraygot, clerk, and Thomas Cogan of Montagu.

Witnesses: George Spraygot, vicar there, Thomas Fox, and Thomas Scott.

A sentence, February 6th, 1552, is registered at the same folio, annulling the will and committing the administration to Robert Cogan, brother of the deceased during the minority of the testator's children abovenamed.

1552. JOHN CUFF.

[3 TASHE.]

July 1st, 1552. John Cuff of Tyntenhull. My body to be buried where it please God. To the church where it shall happen me to be laid 13*s.* 4*d.* for the brekyng of the grounde. To the churches of Yevelchester and Northover, 6*s.* 8*d.* to each. To the cathedral church of St. Andrewe of Wells 12*d.* To my daughter Dorothee, wife to Thomas Broughton, a pair of beades of silver and the gawdes gilt and a flatt boll pounsed of silver. To Agnes, my daughter wife to Thomas Hawker, a lytle ale cupp and a string of sylver bedstones gylt to the number of xlvj stones. To Agnes, another of my daughters, wife to William Jenes, a cupp for ale of silver, and a string of corall bedstones to the nomber of one hundreth and xiij. To John Cuff, Peter Cuff and Thomas Cuff sons of my youngest son

John Cuff, which died in Boleñ, £10 each, to buy tenements or bargeyns to help them to live. If they all die the said money shall remain to William Cuff, son of John Cuff of Cryche, and to Phelipp Cuff son of Robert Cuff of Rowlands. To John Cuff my eldest son of Cryche a bason and ewer of silver, vj spones of silver with mayden heddes, a black gown of cayffa garded with black velvet and lyned with saten and a great cushion of yelowe in recompense of the beddes in the great chamber that I had given to Robert his brother. To Robert Cuff my second son, vj spones of silver with rounde knappes which I had of William Bylche, a cupp called a Nutt which I had of John Stacey in gage for vj angells to pay the kyng when the greate preste was payde, over and besides that he oweth me for a mare that he bought for 40*s*., whereof I hadd never peny: nevertheles yf John Stacey's exõrs will pay you the said vj angells let hym have the cupp. Also to the same Robert two dublets of damaske, one of them skarlet ingrayned and the other tawny of color and one of my yryshe blankets. To John Cuff, my third son, now in Irelande in the kinges service, seven great spones of silver wyth postles at thendes and a great standing cupp. And in case Thomas Broughton will give you in old money £10 for the said cupp to the use of yong Pyke son to Dorothe yor suster, then let him have him, notwithstanding he cost me £11 in olde money. To the same John my lytle bedd in the orryall chamber and in olde golde towards his costs betwene Englande and Irelande two portaguys and ten crasadoos. My exõrs to take the rents of my farm called Torrells which I hold of my lord of Sũff and which Thomas Rodde now holdeth of me, to perform my will, after which I give it to my youngest son John Cuff. To John Cooke my servant 20*s*. and my doon gelding. To Agnes Parke my servant for her diligence to my wife in her sicknes and syns to me, my two kyen at pasture with William Jenys at Chiltryn and 40*s*. at my months minde. And I charge you that you take nothing from her that were of my wives gere and of her gifte and myne, that she may have cause to pray for me.

The residue to John Cuff my eldest son, and to Robert Cuff my second son (executors).

Proved February 8th, 1552.

1552. RICHARD, LORD ZOUCHE.

[33 POWELL.]

July 22nd, 1552. Richarde, Lord Zouche, Seymor and Cantelope. My body to be buried at the pleasure of my executrix. To Margaret Zouche my wife all my interest and right title of the Manor of Northmolton with the appurtenances co. Devon for term of her life and after her decease to the use of my right heirs forever.

Executrix: Dame Lady Margaret Zouche, my said wife.

Overseers: Sir Thomas Cheynye, knight, Lorde Warden of ye cincque portes and my brother Sir John Zouche, knight.

Witnesses: Edward Humbley, John Maschart, Roger Hardy, Anthonye Bowthe, Richard Halford, Robert Goodwyn.

Proved December 10th, 1552. [The filed will appears to be the Probate granted in the Consistory Court of Bath and Wells, August 5th, 1552.]

1552. AGNES WYKES.

[6 MORE.]

July 30th, 1552. Agnes Wykes, widow, late the wife of William Wykes of Nynhedflorye co. Somerset, esquier, deceased. My body to be buried in the churche of Nynheed. To Alice Wykes my daughter £100, Thomas Wykes my son 2 oxen, Androwe Wykes my son 2 oxen, John Wykes my son 2 oxen, Johan wife of Androw Wykes 40*s.*, William Wykes son of Androwe Wykes 20*s.*, Anne Wykes daughter of Androwe Wykes £10, Elizabeth Wykes wife of John Wykes 20*s.*, John Wykes son of John Wykes 20*s.*, Alice Wikes daughter of John Wykes 20*s.*, Elizabeth Wykes daughter of Androwe Wykes 20*s.*, my servant Elizabeth Combe one cow, Alice Wekes my daughter if that she be not married before my death my ground called Stowthames, and if she be, I bequeath the same to Adam Wykes my son. To Henry Wykes an ox, Henry Wikes a fetherbed, my servant Joane Norrice a cow, Richard Pomerie esquier £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Adam Wykes son of John Wykes 4 shape, John Wykes son of Henry Wykes an ox, John Wykes the younger, son of John Wykes the elder 4 sheep. The residue to Adam Wykes my son (executor).

Overseer: Richard Pomerie, esquier.

Witnesses: Richard Pomerye, esquier, Androw Wykes, gentleman, Laurence Porter, James Sparke, Hugh Evans, Richard Dũdrige and Thomas Michell vicar there.

Proved August 17th, 1554.

1552. JOHN TREVILION.

[1 TASHE.]

August 28th, 1552. John Trevilion of the parish of Kingesbury co. Somerset, husbandeman. My body to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Kingesbury there to reste amongeste my predycessores. To the poor mens box of the parish church of Kingesbury 12*d.* To St. Andrewes church of Wells 4*d.* To John Trevilion my eldest son my bay gelding and 40*s.* To his four children 4 calves. To Richard Trevilyon my second son £4 8*s.* and to his two children 2 yearlings. To Raff Trevilion my third son my greatest payre of whealles, a younge mare, a steare and £34 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Trevillion my fourth son £3 13*s.* 4*d.*, a colte which goeth in Horsey, one wayne, one payre of whelles, one Soole, one Drage, one extree with yockes and ropes for the ploughe, all which goodes as wayne, whelles, soole, Drage, eythe, yockes, ropes I will that Isabel Trevillion my wife shall occupy during her life. To Thomas Trevilion my youngest son my youngest mare and £39 13*s.* 4*d.* To Mary Trevilion my eldest daughter my greatest pan. To Joane my youngest daughter £10 and my greatest crocke. To Robert Bentley my frysse coate. To 20 of the poorest inhabitants of Kingesburye half a bushel of wheat and a half a bushel of maulte to be delivered against the feast of the Nativitie of Owre Lord God next after my decease. The residue to Isabell my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Winter curate of Kingesbury, Thomas Prigge of the same town, husbandman, John Trevilion of the same town, webber.

Proved January 21st, 1552.

1552. JOHN SNOWE.

[29 POWELL.]

September 10th, 1552. John Snowe of Langeporte. My body to be buried where yt please God to call me oute of this transitorie worlde. To ye povertie 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Snowe and Willyam Snowe my sons all the Iron that I have. To Alice Snowe my daughter the younger £20. To Elizabeth Snowe, Anne Snowe, and Katheryn Snowe, my daughters, £20 each. To Willyam Snowe my brother £6 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Mowdy and George Fyshe £3 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To the poor people of the Almishouse of Lengeport 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor people of the parish of Pedillgrenthide 3*s.* 4*d.* To Edward Hebbes clerke vicar there 3*s.* 4*d.* To William Porter, Thomas Squyer, Richard Collyar, and Matild Collier 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To Joane Collyar and Margaret Churchehouse 12*d.* The residue to Isabell my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Edward Hebbes, clerk, vicar aforesaid, William Porter, Thomas Squyer, Richard Collyar, John Roper and John Genys.

Proved November 12th, 1552.

1552. GEORGE DOGEON.

[26 TASHE.]

October 1st, 1552. George Dogeon, clercke, Chaunter of the Cathedrall churche of Wells. My body to be buried in the church of St. Andrewe in Wells. To the Almoshowse there 20*s.* To Mystres Thomasen Stourton my Saulte of silver with a cover gilte footed withe Cristall. To Anne wiffe of Thomas Erle £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and a fetherbedd. To Sir Henry Banckes vicar of Pucklechurch 40*s.* and a long gowne wt a sarcenett tipett. To Mr. John Fitzjames a Spone. To Mr. Gilbert a gilte spone. To Mr. Doctor Edgewourthe the same. To Mr. Needes an earthen cupp. To Maurice Lewellen my greate cupp. To Marten Gosvell and Elizabeth his sister 20*s.* each. To Sir Barthilmewe Blitheman all Sainte Jerrome's woorkes. To the vicar of Blandefourthe a silver spone. To William Capper the cupbourde in the Oryall wt a bedstedd. To John Gosvell my bay mare wt a bedstedd. To John Kendall, Thomas Sawyer and William Browne 20*s.* each.

To Rīc. Upton a coverlett of Arreis which is in the towre chambre. To John King 10*s.* To William Brewer 10*s.* To Thomas Browne a cote. To John Hieter 20*s.* To Joan, daughter of Maurice Cooke, 40*s.* The residue to Mr. William Stourton and George Herberde (executors).

Overseers : Mr. Jefferey Upton and Sir Thomas Fudge. To the said Mr. Upton 40*s.*, my Crossebowe and my battle axe and to Sir Thomas Fudge 40*s.*, a litle cupboarde in the towre chambre, a bedstedd in the Oriall chambre and a blacke trussing Cofer, the bigger of twayne.

Witnesses : Sir Barthilmewe Blitheman, William Capper *als.* Spratt, John Gosvell.

Proved February 19th, 1553.

1552. WILLIAM BOCHER.

[11 TASHE.]

December 21st, 1552. Willyam Bocher. My body to be buried in the church of Henton Bluett. To Elynor my wife £50 of which she shall receive £20 of William Karre and £20 of John Cutte which they owe me and £10 more to be paide in golde halfe, that is, in 6 Ryalles and oñ Angell noble and the rest in money, also, four of the best kyen, half the household stuff thorowe of all things, except the two cupberds one in the hall and thother in the parler, all her own apparel and goods, the third foote of the howse and grounde belonging to it if she depart and will not dwell in it, her chamber and the chamber above to lye in, I meane the chamber which she is wont to have. To Johan my daughter 40*s.* To Marget my daughter 40*s.* To Catcot all my rayment as will do hym pleasure—I meane some of the best. To Amys Tegge a cow. To John's wife a cow. To the children a cowe.

The residue to John my son and William (executors).

Overseer, my son Henry Hylbert to whom I bequeath one barre of Iron. Also to John of Wallebroke, ons my man, 3*s.* 4*d.* My son John to fynde my wife and she to help towards her fynding putting owte her owne grounde as she list. Item, for

three kyen hering John shall paye me 6*s.* and to fynde the other for me.

Proved May 19th, 1553.

1552. GEORGE PROWSE.

[17 TASHE]

January 12th, 1552. George Prowse of Olde Clever. My body to be buried in the church of Olde Clever. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* To my son William the elder £7. To my son Robert £5. To John Prowse £7 of which he shall pay to his daughter Joan 40*s.* To my son William the younger £5. To my servant John Davill a cow. If William the younger die his money shall remain to his children. To my godson Robert Barbor a sheep. To 20 poor men 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my godchildren 4*d.* To William my son the elder the ferme of Croyden after my decease and my wife's.

Executrix: my wife Johan.

Witnesses: Sir John Nebbe, curate, Thomas Spede, Hughe Dowderydge, John Baydon and Water Elysse.

Proved August 18th, 1553.

1552. JOHN TYNBURYE.

[10 TASHE.]

February 5th, 1552. John Tynburye of Linge, co. Somerset, gentleman. My body to be buried where God shall appoint. Whereas I stand seasid of and in the manor or scite of the late monasterie of Athelney being holden of the kinges highnes by knightes service in chief, I will that Florence my wife have one-third part thereof for her life, and if my heir be within age at the time of my death then the kinges highnes shall have one other third part, during his minority and my brother William Halley the other third part, until my heir be of his full age of 24 years, to pay my debts. To the said William Halley my whole estate and interest in the manors of West Newton and West Luccombe, co. Somerset, and of and in the manors and

lands in Netherex, Tyverton, Anste and Lytle Toryton, co. Devon, and in the ferme of Lynge Courte, co. Somerset, which I hold of John Leighe, Esquyre, on condition that he make good assurance in the law of the said ferme for the years to come to Henry my son, and if he die without issue, to William my son, and if he die without issue then to remain to the said William Halley to the advancement of my kinsmen, George, Gabriell and Fraunces his younger sons, paying to Agnes Curle £10, and to George Curle £20 by the advice of Sir William Portman, knight, Alexaunder Popham, Nichas Halswell and Hughe Byckham, esquires. And if my heir have exhibition of the kinge, he shall have no benyfytt of my will until he come to his said full age, other than by the discretion of the said William Halley. To the said William Halley all my estate in certain lands in Upotry, co. Devon, by virtue of a lease made by the masters of the town of Taunton, under like condition as above. And I will the said William Halley have and hold the Westercourtfeldes, the Myddle cow mores, the Westcowmores and Valbore wood, parcell of the said farm of Lynge from Our Ladye daye last past for 12 years next following, paying no rent, until he shall have received the sum of £46 which I owe him. To Katheryn Curle £6 13*s.* 4*d.* The residue to Henry and William my sons (executors). Overseer, William Halley my brother. To Florence my wife all my plough geer, a mare, a colte, a gelding, four kyne or £4 and two thousand fagottes. To John Wyvell £4.

Witnesses: William Halley, Richard Gybbes, John Wyvell, Jeronimus de Padoa, John Pyle, William Collyns. My wife to have my mansion house at Lynge Courte and the grounde called the Courte orchard and those parcells of grounde that one Clerke of Staplegrote holdeth, being parcell of the farm of Lynge Court, during her wydowed. And I will she have £20 parcell of the £95 that Thomas Blanchflour payeth for my interest and years in Newhouse. Alexaunder Popham being witness of the same.

Proved May 12th, 1553.

1552. NICHOLAS JOBBYN.

[10 TASHE.]

March 6th, 7 Ed. VI. Nicholas Jobbyn of the parish of Seynt Mary's of Stalles within the citie of Bathe, vicarie. My body to be buried in the body of Stalles churche before the pulpitt. To the mother church of Wells, 12*d.* To the parish church of Stalles to the poor men's box, 4*d.* To ye making or setting up of the name of Jhũs in goodlye colours upon the highe frounte or weynscott in Stalles churche and thes texte wryten after the best maner in the same frounte, *In noĩe Jhũ oñe genu flectat celestium terestriũ et infernorũ et c̃* both in Englishe and Latten that all men may se to rede yt, to the making of that, 40*s.* To the Maier and Comons of Bathe for the use of the free gramer scole, certeyne books of gramer and learnyng, for the use of the scolemaster and the scollers ther at the delyveraunce of the Meyre and his brethern. To the meyntening of the tenements belonging to the freescole of Bathe, all my tymber. To the Chamber of the Citie of Bathe, 20*s.* To Sir William Clement, my best jackett of wosteyd, a sarcenet typpet, etc. To Syr John Symons, Master of St. John the Baptist in Bathe, my best cappe and my best shorte gowne. All my books to be divided between Mr. Sherewoode, Sir William Clement, parson, and Sir Richard Gybbes, curat of Wydcombe: Mr. Sherewoode to have the choice (except one course of bookes which Syr Richard Gybbes must have, paying for them, 26*s.* 8*d.*) To Walter Adams, my gowne furred with white, my best hosys and all my tymber in his seller and to pay for the fyne of his house I give him 20*s.* and my second best jacket. To Elizabeth Clement the best payre of sheets save one shete wherein my bodye shalbe wrapid. To Joane Adams, daughter of Walter Adams, a great crocke, a grydyron, a fyre panne, etc. To John Shorte my second short gowne, and if he contynue at the free gramer scole he shall have some of my gramer bookes. To Alice Barrye, a platter, etc. To Lucy Barrye, a earedishe, and a sawcer. To John Bale, a redd peticote furred with grey about the colore. To Johan Shorte, a crocke panne, etc. To Susan Cowper, a crocke. To Besse Acton, a platter, etc. To Alice Senyor, my lessar bason. To Elynor Colyñ, a bason of pewter. To

Margaret Dracoñ, an earedishe. To five poor people every wyke 2*d. ob.*, every one of them *ob* every Fryday, and every Fryday in the Lent they shall have a peny each delivered by my overseers, who shall have for their labour, 3*s.* 4*d.* apece every yere at the feast of thynuncyacon of Our Ladye, the charges borne out of my goods, my two tenements and 53*s.* 4*d.* out of the bell yerely during the term of Walter Adams lease, they giving a true accompt yerely before the Meyar upon payne of loosyng 20*s.* to thuse of the Chamber. To Thomas Turner, 5*s.* To Sir Willyam Clement for the wryting of this boke, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Master Ludwell, Meiar, my best gowne and 20*s.* to be myn executor.

Overseers: Willyam Clement, clerke, and Water Barrye, chaundelor.

The residue to the relyffe of the poor people, with my two tenements and 53*s.* 4*d.* out of the bell as aforesaid.

Witnesses: William Clement, clerk, Water Barrye, Thomas Turner, Thomas Gowreney, William Stevens, Water Adams.

Proved May 14th, 1553.

1552. THOMAS BROCKE.

[11 TASHE.]

March 10th, 1552. Thomas Brocke of Bathialton. My body to holy grave. To the poor dwelling in Magdalene lane and in the spittell house at Tañton, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor in Wiveliscombe, 3*s.* 4*d.*, in Mylverton, 3*s.* 4*d.*, in Wellington, 3*s.* 4*d.* in Bathialton, Kyttesforde, Stalley and Hagley tything, 5*s.* among them and in Ronnyngton and Langford, 3*s.* 4*d.* Also to the poor in Magdalene lane and in the spittell house in Taunton, above my first gift, 6*s.* 8*d.* yerely for two years. To Thomas Gregorie and Alice Campe, so that they marie together, one stone of good woole and at their marriage sufficient breade, corne and ale corne of my wife as will serve them, so they have not of gestes above the nomber of eight messes. To William Brocke, my son, £20 (in case my son John lyve to the years of marriage). To my doughters Agnes and Alice, £20 each. My wife Alice to have the governance of all my

children, sons and doughters, until they marry or come to the age of 21 years. If my wife die or marry, then Mr. Hill of Kingeston, William Lancaster of Mylverton, John Combe, my father-in law and John Hill, the younger, to have the governance of my children. My wife to have the bargayne she dwellith upon, during her widowhede and half my grounde until my son John come to the age of 22 years, when he shall be half executor with his mother. My wife also to have half my bargayne at Yencote which I hold of Mr. Sydenham of Brynton [Brympton]. My son John to be my assigne in all my right and tytle of lands. If he die without male issue, my son William to be my assigne and if he die without male issue, my daughters Agnes and Alice to be my assignes.

The residue to Alice, my wife, and John, my son (executors).

Overseers: Thomas Hill of Kingeston, Willyam Lancaster of Mylverton.

Witnesses: John Combe, John Barbye *als.* Borough, John Hill, the younger, of Radington, and John Swadalle, clerk.

Proved May 27th, 1553.

1553. HENRY CORNYSH.

[6 Noodes.]

July 13th, 1553. Henry Cornyshe of Glastinburye, esquier. My body to be buried in some convenient place where it please God I die. To Henry Cornyshe, my son, my lease of the manor of the Meere, all my armor with their furniture as, two complett harnes and twoo demy launces, a gilte saddell of blacke velvit with the trapper gilt, a tonke, a dagger, stirropes, spurres and a handegonne sutable gilte wt a morreyn of blacke velvit, a shanfreyn, iiij handgonnes, iiij shippe peaces wt all other my furniture for the warre, iiij crosse bowes, three long bowes; more, my signette of armes wt my small signett, my velvit cappe trymmed wt a chayne and the brouche of a woman's hed being a Cameue also my chayne by estimate worthe £20 with my sworde and buckler, if God geve hym life. Otherwise, the whole to Margaret Cornyshe, my wif, whom I make my sole executrix. To Henrye Cornyshe, my son, all my bookes and twoo lutes.

Proved February 7th, 1557.

1553. THOMAS WYNDHAM.

[27 More.]

July 14th, 1553. Thomas Wyndham, esquier. I make my executors, my lorde Chamberleyn, John Checestar and Humfrey Cowlys. The £600 that my lord Chamberleyn shall paye me, that I woulde shulde purchase £30 a yere and so to be made astate of that lande to my brother Sir Edmunde Wyndham as he had in the manor of Wyton. If my goodes comyth home that comythe oute of Gynne wher I go myself, then I give to John Luttrell, £100, to my eldist doughter, 500 marks, to the seconde doughter £200 and my sone Henry the land that shalbe purchased and the parke of Marsywood. To my lorde Chamberleyn, £100. To John Chechester, £20; and to my brother Cowlys, £20. To Watsone, £20, Wallentyne, £20, Saywery, £20, Water Willyams, £5, and to poore folks, 100 marks.

The residue to my sonne Henry. I have lefte my bokes and all my rekenyngs and all my state and in what state I am in and what I have to the see, with Willyam Watsone, my servante dwelling in tholde chañge.

Proved June 12th, 1555.

[Died beyond seas, Act book.]

1553. JOHN MORE.

[27 Tashe.]

August 22nd, 1553. John More in the parish of Stokegursie. My body to be buried in holy grave. To each of my three youngest daughters £30 at their marriage. To my daughter Joan £10 to be paid within three years of her marriage. To my daughter Elizabeth the same. To my daughter Dorathee six oxen with the wayne and wheles, yokes, ropes, solowes, dragges and layrors and six kyne, four young beasts and seven yewes. To my daughter Margaret half-a-dosen silver spoons. To William Mannyng £6 13*s.* 4*d.* at his marriage if he continue dwelling with his dame. To Richard Frenche 20*s.* Sir Richard Lloyde 2 bushels of wheat, poor people 40*s.* John Burlande 3*s.* 4*d.*, Robert More 6*s.* 8*d.*, Robert Blake 6*s.* 8*d.*, and Richard Campling 20*d.*

The residue to Jone my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Robert More and Robert Blake.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Lloyd, clerk Richard Campling, and John Burlande.

Proved March 5th, 1553.

1553. LADY KATHERINE EGGECOMBE.

[22 TASHE.]

December 4th, 1553. Dame Katheryn Eggecombe of Cuthele co. Cornewall, widowe. To Katheryn Luttrell one of the daughters of Sir John Lutrell one cheyne of gold with a flower set with two diamounds and a rubie. To Dorothy Luttrell her sister one of my great bolles. To Mary Luttrell her sister the same. The said goods to be delivered at their marriage or at the age of 18 years. I bequeath 40*s.* to be delivered, part to people present at my burial and the residue to the comen box of the church of Calstocke; 26*s.* 8*d.* to the comen box of Tavistock, and 26*s.* 8*d.* to Launceston, whereof 13*s.* 4*d.* for the relief of the poor prisoners in the Quene's Jeyle, and 13*s.* 4*d.* to the comen box of the parish church of Mary Magdalen there. To the comen box of the church of St. Domynicke 20*s.* and to the comen box of the parish of Botefleminenge 20*s.* My executors shall have all my term and interest of one parcell of land called Fosters Medowe beside the Newe Bridge of Calstock and shall demise the same to William Penryff my servant for his life and after his death to such person as will give most rent, paying to the heirs of one John Newton 5*s.* yearly and also the high rent to the chief Lorde of the fee thereof. To each of my household servants being a daylie waiter in my house (except my two chaplyns and gentilwomen) one year's wages. My executors shall have the governance and letting of all my Tynneworks in the said county and with the issues they shall perform my will paying £4 yearly to Mary Sampere my gentilwoman, after which the said Tynneworks shall remain to the said Katheryn Luttrell and her assignes, according to the custom of the Stannery of Cornewall. To my daughter Mary Luttrell all such household and goods of mine

as she hath at Dunster co. Somerset which sometime was Sir Griffith Ryse her fathers. To Thomas Corbett my servant one cow and 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly. To Alice Drewe my servant 20*s.* To each of my chapleyns one year's wages. My olde chapleyn Sir William Jenkyns to have one mark more. If my executors be troubled for any matter or cause concerning me or my late husbands Sir Griffith Ris or Sir Pierre Eggecombe, knights, they shall retain sufficient portion of my goods for their costs in that behalf.

Executor: my brother Sir John Seint Jone, knight, and my nephew Sir Thomas Stradlyng. knight.

Overseers: Mr. John Moreman doctor of Divinitie, and Adam Willyams gentilman.

Witnesses: John Marshall, John Whitwell, William Persey, John Bever, Thomas Reulay. To Adam Rawley, my husband Mr. Eggecombe his old servant, 26*s.* 8*d.* yearly during his life.

Proved December 12th, 1553.

1553. THOMAS BONELL.

[28 TASHE.]

December 30th, 1553. Thomas Bonell, clerk and curat of East Brent. My body to be buried in the chauncell of Eastebrent church. To the mother church of Wells 6*d.* To the parishes of South Brent, Berroughes and Lymplesham 10*s.* to each, for the poor. To the church of East Brent 3*s.* 4*d.* To twenty poor householders in East Brent 12*d.* each. To the poor men's box 12*d.* To the povertie in Axebridge 10*s.* To Annes Boroughe, Thomasin Boroughe and Johan Boroughe daughters of Robert Boroughe £20 each in olde golde, twenty ounces of silver in plate, four counterfeit platters, four pottage dishes of tynne, etc., a bourde cloth of diaper and another of dowlas, a cofer, a cheyre and a joined stoole. To Thomasin a chafer to heat water and to Joan my trusse bed with all the hangings of say. To Thomasyn my white testor and three white curteynes. If they all die, half the money bequeathed to them to maintain a priest to pray for me and the other half to be employed to the high wayes and other godly uses. And if any of them do marry with a lighte parson contrarie to their father's will, my legacy to

her so doing to be void. To every of my brother's children, Richard Bonell and William Bonell 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Codpath 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Williams of Axebridge 3*s.* 4*d.* To Mr. John Whiting vicar of East Brent a cruesse of silver with the cover of silver. To Anthony Deane 5*s.* To Thomas Mascall 5 yardes of Blewe clothe and a flock bed that John Clerck lay on. To four pore maydens of the parishe of Easte Brent that be next married 5*s.* each. To my sister Joan Bonell 3*s.* 4*d.* To Nicholas Brigges 5*s.* To James Dũgarton my gown lined with Buckeram and a small gold ring. To John Bonell a flocke bedd. Roger Bonell 5*s.* John Kewe 3*s.* 4*d.* I give £6 13*s* 4*d.* to a priest to pray for me the space of a twelvemonth. I will there be bestowed every year for 7 years, once a year about the time of my burying to priestes and clerks and other poor folkes, to pray for me 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Thomas, clerk curat of Limplesham my Turkie gowne that I bought of the vicarie of Bournham. To William Trivett my black cotton gowne.

Overseers: William Katcott the elder, Christofer Hagett, Morgan Gettowe and John Thomas, clerk.

The residue to Robert Boroughe of Est Brent (executor).

Witnesses: John Thomas, clerk, Christofer Hagett, John Kewe, James Dungarton and Thomas Mascall.

Proved March 7th, 1553.

1553. WILLIAM HODGES.

[1 More.]

January 14th, 1553. William Hodges of Ilchester. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Ilchester. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parson of Ilchester, 3*s.* 4*d.* and 20*d.* at my monthes end, and 20*d.* at my yeres mynde. To Jone Clyffe £10. To Jerom Bysshopp £10, and twentie shipe leaste in Bealye and a gelding going there. Among my poor kynswomen at their marriage £40. To the mending of the high wayes abowte Ilchester and Lymyngton £20. To Mr. Phillips of Montygewe £20 and to his wife 40*s.*, and to every of his children being my godchildren, 40*s.* and to every other of his children 20*s.* To Mr. Kaylles child, 20*s.* All which

bequests I will be paid of the money that Thomas Cogan of Montygewe oweth me. To the parish church of Ilchester 10*s.*, of Lymyngton 6*s.* 8*d.*, of Longe Sutton, 6*s.* 8*d.*, of Yevelton 2*s.*, and of Northover 2*s.* To poore householders in Ilchester and Lymyngton 12*d.* the pece. To Henry and James my sons, a gelding to each. To William Popham £20 at his marriage. To Elynor my servant, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To James my son the fee symple of my land called Copple and a lease in Bealye called Okye close and also such part of Chester meade until Michaelmas next as he now occupieth and also my lease of Aldermore. To Mathewe Androwes fourtie fatt wethers. To John Forde a lode of wood at Draycotte, to his wife 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Joane his daughter 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to six other of his children 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To William Hyett a loode of woode. To Isabell Martyn a loode of woode. To Alyce Dypinge 40*s.* To Thomas Helyer 20*s.* To Richard Hopkyns, Richard Browne, William Belton, John Hamylyn and Joane Collyns, 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To William Mylward, John Gregorie, Thomas Alyffe, Androwe Loder, Myles Borowe, Alice Whylken and Isabel John Hodges servant, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the poor of Longe Sutton 20*s.*, and of Montigewe 6*s.* 8*d.* The residue to Henry Hodges and John Hodges my sons (executors).

Witnesses: John Ford, John Phillips and John Sporier.

Proved May 5th, 1554.

1553. JOHN QUYER.

[19 TASHE.]

March 8th, 1553. John Quyer of Mysterton in the parish of Crukern. My body to the earth. To the church of Crukern a sheep. To the poor mens box 2*d.* To my eldest son an ox. To Robert my son 2 steers of four year old and my weane after the decease of my wife. To John the younger two steers. To Joane my daughter two young kyne. To Margery my daughter a young heiffer. To Em̃ my daughter a heiffer. To Alice the same. To Lawrence my son the same. To John Frenches wife a Chilver hogge. To John Marshe, preest, 8*d.* To Robert Frenche, 4*d.* The residue to Johane my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: John Marshe, prest, Frank Freke, Robert Frenche.

Proved October 26th, 1553.

1553. JOHN RAYNOLD.

[15 TASHE.]

March 18th, 1553. John Raynolde of Keynsham. My body to be buried where it shall please God. To Robert Raynolde my violet gown furred and a jaket of velvet. To Mawde my daughter my skarlett gown. To John Mayden my gown of puke furred with martorns. To my daughter Christian a flockbedd, a bolster, a payre of sheets, a coverlet of Carpettworke, an olde furred gowne, a sengill gowne, a gaberdeyn, three platters, three sawcers, three pottingers and two candelstickes. The residue to Joane my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Mayden and John Hoper.

Witnesses: William Achewe, William Harffoie, Richard Wraxall and William Barrowe.

Proved July 8th, 1553.

1554. RICHARD BRAMSTON *ALS.* SMYTHE.

[8 MORE.]

May 26th, 1554. Richard Brampston *als.* Smythe one of the cathedral churche of Wells. My body to be buried where it please God to provide for me. To Margerie my wife 40 marks. To Richard Bramston, Roger, Thomas, Elizabeth, Grace, and Anne Bramston, children of John Bramston citeyen and mercer of London, £60. To the said Richard Bramston, my godson, a ring of gold graven with a Tunne therin. To the said John Bramston, two cups of silver made tunne fashion whereupon is graven an R.B. and a tunne. To the same John and Margaret his wife to each of them, a black gown. To Agnes Campion wife of Christofer Campion citizen and mercer of London, £76 13*s.* 4*d.*, and a salte of silver called a Seynt Margarettes Salte with a dragon. To Ellyñ, Barbara and Elizabeth Campion, their children, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* each. To my servant

Willyam Storydge, 40*s.*, Mr. Walter Creting doctor of Lawe my best bedd, John Haywoode my best howpe of gold which I now weare, Richard Daye my second gowne, Elizabeth Daye his wife my ringe of golde set with a flower De luce of dyamoundes, Hamond Hamcottes a black gown, Elizabeth his wife my bay guylding with white fete. Thomas Fraunces, servant to the said Mr. Walter Creting my black gown lyned with Chamblet. To the poore of the Almesse howse of Wells, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Mighell Burton my best satten doblet. I will my executors shall deliver to ten yonge occupiers of the towne of Wells £100, that is £10 to each, to occupy the same for two yeres next after the delyvery thereof and the gaynes thereof to be to their proper uses and comodities, each of the said ten putting in sufficient suerties to the Master and 24 chief burgesses of the towne for the payment of their somes at the end of the said two yeres: and at the end of the said two yeres the said Master and burgesses shall receive the said £100 and deliver it furthe to other ten yonge occupiers for other two yeres and so for evermore for the furtherance of yonge occupiers from two yeres to two yeres forever. To the Dean and Chapiter of the cathedral church of Wells all my lands in Torre lane in Wells. I remit to all my tenants in Torre Lane all money which they owe me for rent till Mydsomer next coming. The residue to the said Christofer Campion, John Bramston and Thomas Howper clarke of Wells (executors).

Overseers: Mr. Walter Creting and John Heywood.

Witnesses: Walter Cretinge, Rechard Dey, John Heywood, Thomas Brend, scrivener, William Layng, *servientes dicti Scriptoris.*

Proved September 13th, 1554

1554. WILLIAM GOLOPE.

[6 More.]

June 2nd, 1554. William Goloppe of the parish of Combe Nichas. My body to Christian burial. To St. Andrewes church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Combe Nichas 3*s.* 4*d.* To my son Robert Golope £20, my best payer of whelles, a wayne bodye, a putt and yeokes and ropes according

to viij oxen. To my son Henry Golope £10, my daughter Alice 20 marks, my daughter Rawlyn 20 marks, my son John Golope a payer of whelles and a putt, my son William Golope 3*s.* 4*d.*, my daughter Tonsyn 3*s.* 4*d.*, my daughter Johane Wolfe 3*s.* 4*d.*, my daughter Elynor Lumberd 3*s.* 4*d.*

The residue to Johane Golope my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Thomas Raymond and William Frye.

Witnesses: John Drake, Edward Woode, Alexander Noble, Robert Lumberd, Sir Robert Trentt, person of Whitstanton.

Proved August 17th, 1554.

1554. THOMAS NORTHOVER.

[21 More.]

June 22nd, 1554. Thomas Northover now parishioner in the parish of Aller, co. Somerset, yeman. My body to be buried in the parish church of Aller. To the cathedrall church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of Aller 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churches of Gregorystoke and Curri Malett 3*s.* 4*d.* to each. To the poor of Lamporte 10*s.* To my poor neighbours in Aller 10*s.* To the maintenance of the high waies of Aller 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Taylor of North Curr̃ 10*s.*, Henry Kerill of Stoke 10*s.*, William Northover of Stoke 10*s.*, Edith Northover 10*s.*, Agnes her sister 20*s.*, litill John Catill my hyne 20*s.*, Dorothe Danyell £4, Edith for her service 20*s.* To Agnes my daughter-in-law £20, which is in the hands of Phillipp Mede in Curri Malett. To Richard Mede my son-in-law my title of eleven acres of ground lying beneath the oxen lesse Dreve and if he die before marriage then the owner of the lease to have the holle. To Jone Samee my title of 4 acres now in the occupation of Water Gachell lying beneath oxen Lesse Dryve. To Elizabeth my naturall daughter £40. To John my son £40 and my title of 12 acres lieng be gose mede now in the occupation of John Decon and 6 acres at Staffe walle in the occupation of Nicholas Irelandes wife and 25 acres in the occupation of litle John Russells children, yelding the Lordes rent and bearing during the yeres unto his mother 26*s.* 8*d.* To John my son the ten acres called Stathe Parke, but the appells growing thereupon to William my son. If the said William do not permitt the said

John to injoie the same, the said John shall have aleven acres called Durlesse as is now mentioned in a lease. When the said William my son come to the age of 15 years I give to him my title of half the moytie of the profits of the farme of Aller with his mother and also my title of half of all these parcells of grounde of 23 acres called Golde knappe and of 12 acres now in the occupation of Chilcote and of 22 acres in the occupation of John Walles called Durlesse. To the said William one dosen of spones the toppes gilt with A. W. Note, if Maistres Pagent do decease, the said William shall bye the ferme at his owne charges. If any of my natural children decease before marriage the longest liver to have all.

Overseers: William Bridge of Gregoristoke and John Hoggis of Lymȳgton.

Executors: Mawde my wife and William my naturall son.

Witnesses: William Muntagew *generosus*, Thomas Male, curate there, John Grig, John Hogges.

Proved February 22nd, 1554.

1554. JOHN CHILES *ALS.* SPISER.

[21 More.]

June 23rd, 1554. John Chyles *als.* Spyser of Crukern. Considering with myself than man ys mortall and hath but a tyme here in this vale of Mvserie . . . my body to be buried in the parish church of Crukern. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To my parish church 3*s.* To Grace my daughter-in-law 53*s.* 4*d.* more to that she hath in hand and her mother's best gold ring, a bering shete, two pillowbers, two of her best kerchers and two of her best neckerchers.

The residue to William my son and Elynor my daughter (executors).

Overseers: Thomas Baker and Robert Hill.

Witnesses: Thomas P^{9}nce, Robert Palmer and John Tett.

Proved February 22nd, 1554.

1554. DAVID MORRYS.

[19 KECHYN.]

June 27th, 1554. Davyd Moris of Mynhed. My body to be buried where as pleaseth my company. To Nicholas Thomas botswayne in the mỹnyon my barbara purse. To Thomas Corbet my Rapyre. To John Kyrie my chest and my writing boke. To Fraunces Savyor my blacke fustian dublet a payer of blewe briches and a clooke. To Sander Lambard a Cassake and a payer of briches. To Lawghwilles wief a pece of paynted clothe. To John Beysars wife of Bristowe the bygger pece of Beme clothe, and thother pece to my sister.

The residue to Agnes Morys my sister (executrix).

Witnesses: John Willyams and John Welche with other of the company.

Proved October 29th, 1556.

1554. WILLIAM WALBYE.

[19 MORE.]

July 11th, 2 Mary. William Walbee. My body to be buried in Crists churche. To my cossen John Togwell £20. To his sister Elizabeth's marriage £40. To the poor people of Taunton £30. To Alice Togwell £5. To poore people in Oxforthe £20. To the marriage of yonge women that are poore £20. To poor scholers of Oxeforde £20. To the repair of highe waies adjoininge nighe Oxforde £20. To my servant Hedgis £20. To the establisshinge of a stipend for the scolemaster of Taunton 20 marks in land or else so much mony as maie purchase the saide 20 marks after twentie yeres purchase. To the warden of All Solne Colledge 2*s*. To every fellowe 12*d*. and to the rest of the servants 6*d*. To Alexander Mors 20 marks to remain in the hands of William Pottycary. To master Tolley 20 nobles. To Elizabeth Friar half a garnishe of vessell. To Maistres Fryar my greate ringe and my great spone. To Alice Baily 3 fine pillowbers of Callacowe. To Master Presidente of Corporis Christi Colledge £3. To Henry Maule 20 nobles.

The residue to Master Presidente of Corpus Cristi Colledge, Master Warden of the Newe College, Master Napper, Master Fryar and Henry Baily (executors).

Witnesses: Master Davy Tolley, William Lenings, John Hedgis.

CODICIL.

July 18th, 2 Mary. I forgive Master Edwarde Fryar £40 of what he oweth me and I give him my gowne of Growegraine faced with genetts and my gowne of Chamlet faced with foynes and my crymson satten doublet. To Master London my confessor my best prestes gowne and one booke of divinitie. To Master Elcocke my other gowne etc. To Besse Fryar a salte duble gilte. To Thomas Mall 20*s*. To Henry Baily "Opera Josueri." To John Cawoode in Winchester 40*s*.

Witnesses: Master London, William Lenyns, Andrewe Carpenter, Henrye Malle.

Proved February 1st, 1554.

1554. ALDRED FITZ-JAMES.

[20 MORE.]

July 20th, 1554. Aldred Fitz-james, gentilman, of the dioces of the bisshopricke of Bristowe. To Dorothee my eldest daughter £10 to her marriage. To Elizabeth my daughter £10 to her marriage. And because Margaret my youngest daughter to whom I have given nothing is advanced towards her marriage by her friends, wherein I would my executrix should use her discretion and also (because) John my son and heir shall inherit my lands which shall be sufficient for his advance, I bequeath the residue to Jone my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Master C of the city of Bristowe. To Jone my tenement in Uphill co. Somerset wherein John Paine did sometime dwell with remainder to John my son and his heirs forever.

Proved February 13th, 1554.

1554. JOHN MILLE.

[19 More.]

August 9th, 1554. John Mille of the parishes of Mylles [Mells] and Babynton. My body to be buried in the church of Mylles by my seete there. To Edward my son £4, to Richard my son my tenement called Hoopers and £4, to Isabell and Dorothy my daughters £6 13*s.* 4*d.* each. To our cathedral church of St. Andrew 4*d.* To the church of Mylles 6*s.* 8*d.* for my burial. To John Mylle my son £10, my father Thomas Mylle 20*s.* and to my mother Edith 20*s.* The residue to Edith Mylle my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Thomas White, person of Mylles, John Atkins and Alexander Abbot.

Overseer: William Croppe.

Proved February 6th, 1554.

1554. THOMAS CLERKE.

[26 More.]

November 24th, 1554. Thomas Clerke of Wookey, Esquier. My body to Christian burial in the church of Wookey or where it shall please my executors. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Wookey 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to the churches of Lockinge, Kyngeston Seymer, and Great Lyvermere, co. Suffolk, 3*s.* 4*d.* to each to be prayed for. I will 20 marks be distributed among the poor of Wells and Wookey as follows:—10 marks the day of my burial, 5 marks the month after and 5 marks the end of the year. To the high waye between Wookey and Wellis 20 marks. To the two daughters of my son Henry Clerke, Johan and Anthony, and Elizabeth Hyll, daughter of Alice Hill deceased, and every of the children of my daughter Anne Claxton, that is, John, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Anthoni, £40 each when they come to the age of 18 years. To my frende Doctor Egeworth a pott of silver with a cover marked with I and C. To Mr. John Mawdelyn one of my juggis of silver. To my servant William Watson the same. To my lord Busshopp of Bathe Doctor Bowrne an ewer of silver. To my servant Richard Power my tenement in Wellys

that Robert Clement now holdeth. To my servant William Gervys my myll and grounde at Keward and after his death Mr. Parson Fitz-james to have it, paying yearly to the Almeshouse of Wellis £5 6*s.* 8*d.* To my son-in-law Hamond Claxton my barbor's bason and ewer of silver. To my servant George Couper 20*s.* yearly above his wages. To Richard Cooke the same. To John Thomas and William Hawkyns the same. To Elizabeth Croker and Isabell 10*s.* each. To Agnes Richards 20*s.* To Nicholas Rydley my second best gown. To John Bennet my silver pounsyd pott. My wife and my son Henry to execute all bargains, promises, or leases of any annuity, rent or land in Blackford, Locking and Kingeston Seymor. The residue to my wife, Anthoni Clarke, and my son-in-law Hamond Claxton (executors).

Witnesses: Thomas Clerk, Henry Howe, John Wylcockes.

Proved May 28th, 1555.

1554. PHILIP WALKER.

[30 WRASTLEY.]

December 8th, 1554. Philipp Walkar of Donderhyll co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Donderhyll. To the parish church of Stowye 2*d.* All my moveable goods to Isabell my wife during her life and after her decease to Jone Kele and her son Thomas. To James Walker my brother son one messuage in Karadon within the township of Traradon and Trecelle being in Yerchinffeld co. Herfford with one half of the land belonging which was mine by inheritance after the decease of Robert Walker my father, so that the Chief Lord of the Fe thereof be served with his rent and due accustomed.

Executors: Isabell my wife and the said James Walkar my brother son.

Witnesses: Richard Mason of Whelsche Byckenor, Nicholas Badcoke, John Hony, Sir John Apkyn parson of Welsh Bykenor.

Proved August 19th, 1557.

1554. JOAN BAKER.

[18 WRASTLEY.]

January 4th, 1554. Johane Baker, widow, of the parish of Combe Nicholas. My body to be buried in the churche of Combe Nicholas. To my son Robert Baker 3 bushels of wheat. To Joane Baker the younger a bullock. To Joane Baker the elder a yewe sheep. To the residue of Robert Baker's children 12*d.* each. To my daughter Maud Dyvenell a napron and a kerchew and to each of her children 12*d.* To my daughter Isabell Gillett my best kirtell, a smocke etc., and to each of her children 12*d.* To my son Thomas Baker the elder a greate vate and to each of his children 12*d.* To my daughter Agnes Dyvenell my best girdell, and after her death it shall remain to Isabell Gillett and to Maud Dyvenell and after the death of the three sisters, to my three sons Robert Baker, Thomas Baker the elder, and Thomas Baker the younger. To Henry Baker 2 bushels of wheat. The residue to my son Thomas Baker the younger (executor).

Overseers: Henry Warren and Thomas Baker the elder.

Witnesses: Mathew Gillett, Alexander Noble the clarke, John Dyvenell.

Proved June 18th, 1557.

1554. ROBERT COTTERELL.

[35 MORE.]

January 11th, 1554. Robert Cotterell of the parish of Whynforde, husbandman. My body to be buried in the church of Wynforde, to which church 10*s.* To the church of St. Andrewe in Wells 12*d.* To the church of Longe Astone 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Dondre 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Battone, John Sergeaunt, John Goodchilde, John Allyne, John Picke, William Horte, John Derocke, and Annes Hiscock, half a bushel wheate each. To John Cotterell my son two bullockes of three years and the years to come in my tenement at Long Astone called Shortwoode. To Alice Cotterell my daughter 20 marks and the years to come in my tenement at Borow Astone called Peckys and in all my arable lands which I hold of Mr. Robert Bassett, esquyer, in the

parish of Dondre. To John Horte the years to come of my ground at Longe Astone called Snowdens. To Joane Busare my daughter 20*s.* and to her two children an ewe and a lamb apiece. To Thomas Preston's four children 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To Isabell Preston a heyfer. To Henry Jennyns a cow. To Richard Cotterell an ewe and a lamb. The residue to Joane my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Rychard Kynge my ghostelye father, Rauff Buck, Lawrance Hannam, John Horte.

Proved November 23rd, 1555.

1554. WILLIAM CAVELL.

[3 More.]

January 25th, 1554. Willyam Cavell, clarke and parson of Nettlecombe. My body to be buried within the chauncell of my parish church aforesaid. To my goddaughter at Orched 6*s.* 8*d.* To my cousin Dagges two younger daughters 40*s.* To my cousin Elizabeth Brown in Cornewall 40*s.* To my cousin Henry Brownes children in Devon 40*s.* To my brother Robert Cavells two sons, Thomas and John the younger, £4, two of the best flockbedds, two paire of cowrs sheets, two payre of cowrs blanketts and two of the cowrs coverletts. To Sir Richard Marten my parishe priest of Nettelcombe £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Mr. John Trevilians three daughters £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Mistres Trevilians three daughters £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my brothers two daughters two fetherbeds hoely performyd, or a payre of fustian blanketts, and the residue of my household stuff. To John Cavell son of John Cavell of Longeforde £3. To Edward Trevilian son of Mr. John Trevilian, Esquier, towards his exhibicon at Oxforde £5. To Christofer Trevilian his brother to fynde him at Oxforde at his lernyng £5. To the reliefe of the poore parisheners of Seynt Peryñ Uthnowe in Cornewall £5. To Katheryn Browne daughter of Gregorye Browne 20*s.* To Edward Cavell £3. To my cousin Elizabeth Upcot 40*s.*, and my cousin Anne Taverner 40*s.*, to divide it among her children. To Conand Thorne my servant £10. To Johane daughter of my brother Robert £6 13*s.* 4*d.* at her marriage. To the poor parisheners of Seynt Delyan in Cornewall wherof I

was Prebendary £5. To my cousin Phillip Cavell 20*s*. I will my executors immediately after my death shall give all the poor children of the churche towne severall coteclothes of blacke clothe and that every of them at the day of my monthes mynde during the tyme which the service shalbe saied shall holde in their handes a waxe candell burnynge in the parishe churche of Nettelcombe. To my brother Roberts two daughters my gold ringe and ten silver spones. To my brother Robert a furred gowne of fyches. To Conand a gowne furred with foxe. To Sir Bownden curate of Colompton my beste gowne furred with bowge and a velvet night cappe. To Sir Richard Marten my longe gowne and a tippet of ffurre. To the vicar of Cleif my best cloke and to John Cavell a dublet of worsted and a pair of hoseclothe. To my cosyn Marye Graynfelde my salte parcell gilte.

The residue to be distributed among poore scollers at Oxford and to repayre the high waye between the Mylle and Bowdeas Crosse so that the tenants of the lorde do bringe stuf in place.

Executors: my cousin Humfrey Cavell, John Baker at Huyshe, John Gage at Begeringe Huys and Conant Thorne.

Proved June 23rd, 1554.

1554. MARGERY MONDEY.

[21 More.]

February 4th, 1554. Margery Mondey of Chard, widow. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Chard. Unto tholde Richard Mondeye my father-in-law 40*s*. and a cloke. To every of my men servants a hoose clothe. To Edward my son a black gelding. To Katheryn my daughter my rings and other juells.

The residue to the use of my four children.

Executors: John Sellwood, Richard Mychell, Thomas Brage and Richard Birforde. My eldest son Richard to remain in the custody of Richard Michell, Henry my son in the custody of Thomas Bragge and Edward my son in the custody of John Spoake of Hawkechureh. My daughter Katheryn to be brought up with some honest man, as shall be thought good by my executors.

Witnesses: John Kylbery, curate, Robert Norman, Thomas Brewer.

Proved March 9th, 1554.

1554. JOHN BEVYN.

[22 MORE.]

February 22nd, 1554. John Bevyn of Lufton, co. Somerset, esquier. My body to be buried in Christian burial. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish churches of Lufton, Mountagewe and Pendomer 10 grotes to each. To John Sidenham of Lye, co. Somerset, esquier, one annuity of £4 out of my lands in Sutton Monntagewe, Crothorne, Adbar and Long Sutton. To my servant John Tachell one annuity of 20*s.* To my daughter Ursula Sidenham all my abovenamed lands. To my brother William Bevyn all my lands in Warth, Strotton, Haselbar, Mountagewe, Rydnes, Ladgattes and Bylgattes lands *als.* Bydillisgates Walles, co. Somerset, and to his heirs male for ever. To my wife Isabell Bevyn and Nicholas Kemer £60. To Brygitt Kemer 20 nobles. To my servant John Tachell one close of pasture called Broke *als.* Broke Mountagewe of eight acres late in the tenure of one John Thomkyns in the parish of Mountagewe, co. Somerset, for 36 years and also one other close of 6 acres in Brooke *als.* Broke Mountagewe in the said parish now in the tenure of one Alice Priste. To Henry Kemer £40 at his marriage, to be delivered by my brother William Bevyn, Ellys Kemer, John Bellye and John Tachell and to them I bequeath all my okes, bark, toppes, loppes and underwood within my wood at Penne Domer *als.* Penne Dumer called the New Wood in my manner of Penne Domer, for 21 years, to the intent that they shall have a stock of money made therewith in their hands for the defence of the title of the said manor, after which term the residue of the money to be given to the heirs male of my daughter Mary Kemer deceased. To my daughter Dorothy Bevyn my farm of Brooke *als.* Brooke Mountagewe in the parish of Mountagewe and if she die before the years thereof be ended I bequeath the same to Gyles Kemer. To Elys Bevyn one annuity of 5 marks until he be of 22 years of age. To my daughter Ursula

Sydenham £10. To Saunder Wisman 20*s.*, my servant John Partrigge 40*s.*, Jo Mawnfylles 33*s.* 4*d.*, Idith Robyson 10 grotes, Anne Hauken 10 grotes, Mary Newton 10 grotes and to Peter Holman 40*s.* if he do not enjoie his howse the whiche he buyldid of late upon the farme at Lufton. To my daughter Dorothie Bevyn half the residue of my goods. To my brother William Bevyn, Elys Kemer, John Bellye and John Tachell (executors) the other half.

Overseers: my cousin Thomas Duport and John Sydenham of Lye.

Witnesses: Thomas Hawker, gentleman, Frances Whitton, gentleman and William Metford, clarke.

Proved March 22nd, 1554.

1554. JOHN PEMBERTON.

[22 More.]

Sentence of Intestacy March 20th, 1554, of John Pemberton, Esquire, late of North Petherton, deceased. Inter Alice Pemberton relict and Cuthbert Pemberton son of the above deceased exuna, et Johanna Pemberton ex altera.

Administration committed to Alice and Cuthbert abovenamed.

1555. EDWARD STROWDE.

[41 More.]

May 17th, 1555. Edward Stroude the elder of Shepton Mallet. My body to be buried in holly grounde. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the maintenance of St. Peters church of Shepton Mallet 3*s.* 4*d.* To seavin of my childerne, that is, Agnes, Thomas, Richard, Anne, Jone, Edward and William, £20 each and if any of them die before marriage, his or her part not to be paid. To the poor people of Shepton Mallet at the day of my burial or within xxx days after, 40*s.* To my son John Stroude my best gown; provided always that the dey howse withe the furneis remain to Thomas and Richard.

Overseers: my brother John Stroude, William Whitinge and Thomas Morgan.

The residue to Alice my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: John Lamberte, clarke, Thomas Whitinge the elder, Roberte Cowarde, William Clarkwit.

Proved March 3rd, 1555.

1555. WILLIAM HOWELL.

[28 More.]

June 9th, 1555. Willyam Howell, Maryner, in the good shipp called the Trynitie of the citie of London. I bequeath my soule to Almighty God and my bodye into the world to be bestowed as His pleasure. To the poore, to be paid oute of my wages 40*s*. To John Madey 20*s*. To John Tucke 23*s*. 6*d*. that Robert Best owith me, with all such things as I left in the hands of my hostes Agnes Purney. To my sister Isable Howell my chest and all the rest of my wages and all suche goods and debts as I have within the countie of Somerset. I was shipped in the said shipp the first of September and by the monethe my wages was xix*s* whereof I have received xix*s*.

Executor: John Tucke.

Witnesses: Thomas Ashley, Laurence Olyff, Davy Daye, and John Tucke, maryners in the said ship, John Nethewall, husbandman, John Baker, maryner. Wryten by me Richard Langton, scryvener, June 18th, 1555.

Proved July 2nd, 1555.

1555. HUGH HYLL.

[30 More.]

June 13th, 1555. Hughe Hill of the parish of Wynsford. My body to be sett in earth by the discretion of my frendes. To the parish churches of Wytston and Wynsford at the discretion of my wife. To John Nordon £20. My terms and lease for years of the Bartyn of Heyth to remain to Elizabeth, Johan and Alice my daughters, to be occupied by them intercomyng after their marriages. If they die before marriage the same to remain to Jane Hill my wife All such lands as I

am seysed in fee symple to remain to Elizabeth my eldest daughter and her heirs and for default of heir, to Johane my second daughter and for default of heir, to Alice my youngest daughter and for default of heir, to my right heirs for ever. To Jane Reynolde £4, Thomas Reynold 40*s.*

The residue to Jane my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Richard Cole, my brother-in-law, and John Holcombe of Credyton.

Witnesses: William Nycoll, clarke, Richard Hawtyn, John Bradford, Henry Bull, clarke, Thomas Bodye and Robert Norman.

Proved August 19th, 1555.

1555. WALTER CRETING.

[49 WRASTLEY.]

November 2nd, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary. Walter Creting of the Cathedral church of Wells, clerk. My body to be buried in such honest burial as shall be thought good to my executors. To the poor impotent, aged, needy people in the parish where I shall be buried 40*s.* to be distributed at their dwellings rather than to call a multitude of idle people together. To every householder in the parishes where I shall have cure at the time of my death which shall not have in kye or horse beasts above one of their own goods 12*d.* and to every of their own children dwelling with them 4*d.* To the mending of hie wayes in Brent Mershe where most need is and specially between Hunspill and Paulet £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Mr. Richard Daye dwelling in my house beside Smythefelde in London one hoope of fyne gold of the waight of one ounce. To my cousen Elizabeth his wife all such goods and debts as I have in London. To every of my household servants one new liverye cote clothe and a half year's wages and their meat and drink for one month after my death. To Thomas Fraunces, James Gan and Richard Coldcott my servants 6*s.* 8*d.* each for every year that he hath been in my service. To Edwarde Porter my kinsman £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, on condition that he shall from time to time grant and do all acts and deeds which shall be requisite by the counsel of learned men for the better performance of my will touching the lease of the parsonage of

Stawnton Drewe. To Symon Porter his brother £10 upon the same condition, which money I do not give to Edward or Symon for any good title that I did ever mean that the said Edward had or ever should have in the said lease other than that the said Edward should father the matter that I might at all times dispose it at my liberty as I should think good, for I made all the labour of the suit thereof and bare every penny of the charges which my said working and meaning I did at the beginning declare unto Edward and took bonds of him that he should be content to perform my will because he should take nother harm nor loss thereby, which bonds be forthcoming and I will my executors shall use them to the uttermost against him if he styrre or wrastell by any mean contrary to this my will for the performance whereof if the said Edward refuse to be bound to my executors in £100 or more if they so require it then I will the said Edward and Symon to be clearly excluded from the foresaid bequests of 20 marks and £10. To Elizabeth Dixon now the curryours wife 40*s*. Margery Mason my kinswoman 40*s*. to be used with the advise of my cousin Elizabeth Dey beforesaid. To Walter Creting son of John Creting late of Stãmer the more in Middlesex, the lease of the two closes of medowe in Wells parish in my occupying which be holden of Maister Aileworth, also the copye of a ruffeles tofte or tenement belonging to the persounage and persoune of Hunspill called Ridiattes cloase already bought for him and £4. All which I would should be put to some trusty man's custody to the said child's most profit. To Agnes sister to the said Walter 66*s*. 8*d*. and if she die before marriage or that Walter fortune to die before he be 21 years of age, their bequests of £4 and 5 marks to be bestowed among the other of the said John Cretinges children. To my cousin Margery Benson £6 13*s*. 4*d*. on condition that her husband find suerties to be bound to my executors to leave her in money or other good stuff the value of 20 marks, if God call for him before He call for her. To my cousin Elizabeth Dey my scarlet gown and the lease of my house and gardens beside Smythfeeld in London to her use, her husbandes or her children if God send her any, on condition that she bear the charges of the

same house and also of the setting forward of one John Creting that was born in Wales and now is dwelling with me that is, I will my said cousin Elizabeth or her husband provide some honest master of some honest occupation in London to whom he may be bound prentice and of whom he may learn to live without vile sowing or wourking and disburse to the said master 20 marks of money for so many years as the said John shall be bound prentice, taking bonds and suerties that at the end of his prentishodde the said money shall be freely without cavallacions or diminution delivered to the said John to his own use; which charge if the said Elizabeth refuse to perform the said John Creting shall have the said lease. And if he die before the end of his prentishod the said money shall return to my said cousen Elizabeth, provided the said John shall not be bound prentise for more than seven or eight years at the most. To my said cousin Elizabeth Daye the lease of my parsonage of Stanton Drewe confirmed by the bisshopp and chapter's seales and the tenement and oxe stalle, land and purtinences which I did there purchase in fee simple of Master John Horner the elder, to have for her life if the years of the said lease continue so long. And after her death, if the lease do yet continue, the same to remain to Walter Creting beforenamed and to his heirs male, that is, the lease during the years and the tenement for ever, and for default of such issue, the same to John Creting last beforenamed and his heirs male and for default of such issue, to John Needehm̃ my kinsman, to him and his assigns, provided that if the said Elizabeth my cousen do not with convenient speed after my time dwell upon the said parsonage and tenement herself, then my successor shall, if he will, dwell upon it for so long as he will paying for the same yearly to my said cousin Elizabeth and after her time to Walter Creting and his heirs male or to John Creting or to John Needehm̃ as aforesaid, over and above all other charges and reparations belonging to the same. And if my successor refuse to bear such charges then the said Elizabeth shall for her time make the best of the said premises without making waste, and so likewise after her Walter Creting, John Creting, or John Needehm̃, desiring every one of them not willing or not able to occupy the said parsonage themselves,

to prefer Thomas Fraunces my old servant therunto before any other and to give possession of the said tenement and oxe stall I ordain Maister Geoffry Upton of Wormyster and Thomas Fraunces my servant my lawful attornayes if need so require. To the city or town of Wells £60 to be distributed among six burgesses or occupiers of the said town to be named for the first time by my executors and after that two to be named always by the dean and chapter and four by the maister and burgesses or mayer and burgesses of the said town, and each to have the occupying of £10 for two years and so to be changed every two years and to continue from two year to two year forever for the comon welth of the said town, if God be so pleased, which thing I would should be assured by indentures and bonds to be made by the said Mr and burgesses or Mayor and burgesses to the dean and chapter with as good or better devises as is made for the disbursing of £100 to ten burgesses every two years for ever given by one Richard Brampston *als.* Smyth for that purpose always understanding that the said six burgesses shall be bound for the true repayment of the several sums at the end of every two years to the maister or Maior and xxiiij chief Burgesses of the said town. And as the meaning of the said Richard Brampston *als.* Smyth was that the disbursing of the said £100 to ten burgesses should be renewed to other ten burgesses every two years and so to have continuance for ever as far as the witte and power of man might reach even so is my meaning also. And therefore if it shall be seen to my executors that the obligations made for the assurance of Master Branston's will touching that part may be amended, I most heartily desire them to cause it so to be because he did put me in some trust for the same.

Executors: my lord Gilbert Bourne, Bisshop of Bath, Mr. Richard Dey of Litill Saincte Barthilomewe's parish beside Smythefelde in London and Mr. Geoffrye Upton of Wormester beside Welles, gentilmen. To Sir Thomas Hooper of Welles, clerke, 40*s.* and one of my good puke gowns. To Symon Porter my kinsman a joyned bedsteade that standeth over my larder house at Wells with the Celer, curtaynes and testor. To Thomas Fraunces my servant the joyned bedsteade standing over the kechin at Stanton with celer curtaynes and testor. To Mr. Thomas Dey brother to the said Mr. Richard Dey, Mr. John

Heywood servant to the Quene's Mate, Maister Giles White of Bristow, merchante and to my cousin Porters wife and to John Irishe fermor of my benefice of Kyngeston to each of them a litill Jeomye or hoope of golde of the value of 20*s*. To Sir Vincent my curate of Kyngeston my best short riding gown. To Joane Scutt a poor woman of Welles that helpeth many times to brewe as much cloth of 5*s*. the yard as will make her an honest kirtill. And bicause I have seen some alteration of mynde in my freendes by importunitie whan they have been in payne I do now therefore protest before God and all the worlde that whoo shall in my seekenes tyme cause me by importunitie or other meane to alter any parte of that which I have before dispoased touching my leases or landes being in veray good helth thanckes be geven to God that it shall not be my free will but a very forced will contrary to my free will, not meanyng but that I may in the tyme of my seekenes be put in remembraunce of some thinges that I have now forgotten wherunto I may then and nowe perchaunce I woulde also agree unto if I did now remembr̃ them. And therefore the alteration, if any suche happyn, if it be not against my expectacion it must needes be utterly against my wille.

The residue I desire my executors to bestow amongst my poor kynnerede and somewhat by the advice of my cousin Elizabeth Daye having chief respect to those of my kynne which be likely by the said help to gather some increase and profit and having some respect unto Walter Creting and John Creting before-named.

Proved November 20th, 1557.

1555. RALPH HANNAM.

[5 KECHYN.]

December 2nd, 1555. Raff Hannam of Evercriche, co. Somerset, yoman. My body to be buried in the parish church of Evercriche in the bodye of the churche before the Rodelof there. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s*. 4*d*. To the parish church of Evercriche 40*s*. To the mending of the highe waye betwene Nether hey and Heth strete within the parish of Evercriche £10. To Henry Maye, son and heir apparaunt of John Maye of Dynton, co. Wiltes, £20. To Raff Maye brother

of the said Henry £40. To Mawde Maye £30. To Alice Maye £20, so that Raff, Mawde and Alice be ordered by my executors. To Margery Broderibbe, daughter of Thomas Broderibbe and Margery his wife, £30 at her marriage. To William Brace my servant £5. To John Stephyns my servant and to his wife 40*s*. To each of the rest of my servants 40*s*. To Johane my wife my Frelande called Two acres lying in Coteyñ within the parish of Evercriche and after her decease the same shall remain to Elynor Wattes, wife of Richard Wattes, my daughter and after her death to Alice my daughter wife to Richard Walton and after her death to the heirs of the above-said Elynor for ever. To Johane my wife the years to come of my term of and in the parsonage of Evercriche and if she marry or die before the end of the said term, Richard Joyce my son in law and Johane his wife shall have the residue of the years, and if they die, Mathey Joyce their son shall have the residue of the same, and if he die, Mary Joyce his sister, and if she die, Isabell wife of John Abarowe, and if she die, Alice Aberowe daughter of the said Isabell, and if she die Mary Abarowe sister of the said Alice, and if she die, Agnes Abarowe sister of the said Alice and Mary, shall have the residue of the years. To the said Johane my wife the years not expired of my term of and in the Manor of Evercriche and after her death the said Richard Joyce and Jone his wife shall have the same. Also to the said Jone my wife the years not expired of and in my term of the Scite of the said Manor of Evercriche in the demayne lands, medowes and pastures which I had of the graunt of William Knight, late Busshop of Bath and Wells, deceased, and after her death the said Richard Joyce and Joane his wife shall have the same (except these parcells, that is Lewoodes, Yeolowickes and Midley), and if they die the others abovenamed shall have the same in order as abovesaid. To the said Isabell Abarowe the residue of the years of my term of and in Lewoodes, Yelowickes and Madley and after her death the same shall remain to the said Alice, Mary and Agnes Abarowe in order. To Richard Walton and to Alice his wife the residue of the years of my term of Lancherley in the parish of Wells, and after their death the same shall remain to Thomas and William Walton their sons and to Agath Walton their daughter successively, and if

they die, to Raff Maye, John Broderibbe son of Thomas Broderibbe and to James Broderibbe, successively.

The residue to Joane my wife (executrix).

Overseers: the said Richard Joyce, Thomas Broderibbe, Richard Wattes, John Abarowe and Richard Walton, my sons-in-law. To Johane Pester wife of William Wattes 66*s.* 8*d.* I will that my executrix and Richard Joyce my son-in-law and Johane his wife shall make good and lawful estate to Raff Mayo, when he come to the age of 21 years, of and in one tenement called Hye howse with the Cote lying by the same called Cusse with all the land lying thereto and of the reversion of and in one tenement now in the hands of Thomas Hayes, to have and to hold the same for term of life of the said Raff, his wife and child for the old accustomed rents and services.

Witnesses: Robert Brice, clarke, Thomas Hayes, Henry Poynteñ.

CODICIL.

December 21st, 1555. To Mary Broderibbe, Stephin Broderibbe, John Broderibbe, Alice Broderibbe, Elleyñ Broderibbe, Nicholas Watts, Elizabeth Watts, Alice Abarowe, Mary Abarowe, Agnes Abarowe, Mathey Joyce, Mary Joyce, Thomas Walton, Agath Walton and William Walton her brother, 40*s.*.each.

I bequeath the £8 which my brother John Hannam oweth me, to William, Richard and Alice Hannam his children towards their marriages.

Witnesses: Robert Brice, clarke, Thomas Hayes, Henry Peynton and John Ellys.

Proved May 11th, 1556.

1555. WILLIAM HARTGILL.

[47 WRASTLEY.]

January 12th, 1555. William Hartgill of Kyllmyngton, esquier. My body to be buried where it please God. To Joane my wife all her lands in Shaftisburye, Barow and Bristoll for her life and £100 of the money, corne, cattall and debts that Charles Lord Stourton owith me and wrongfully keapith from me. I will also that she remain in my house in Kylmyngton

during her wedowhodde or else in the next house therunto, at her own pleasure. To my son Thomas Hartgill £40 of the same debts and the lease of my farme called Woods end in the parish of Mottecome, co. Dorset. If the said Thomas die while George his son do live or any other child of him and Anne his wife be living, I will that the said George and his other children enjoy the said lease one after other. And if they all die within the space of the yeres of the lease, I will it shall remain to Edward my son, and if he die, to John Hartgill and to Cuthbert his son and to the children of the said John successively. To Edward my son £40 of the same debt and my title in a certeyn grounde of medowe lying in Est Knoyle, co. Wilts, and if he die the lease to remain to the said John Hartgill and Cuthbert his son and to the children of the said John.

The residue to the said John Hartgill and Cuthbert Hartgill his son (executors).

Proved November 13th, 1557.[1]

1555. JOAN MERYFELDE.

[24 More.]

January 18th, 1555. Johan Meryfild, widowe, of the parish of Marke. My body to be buried in the church of Marke to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To St. Andrewe's church in Wells 4*d.* To Avys Corryndon 40*s.* Johñe Corryndon 40*s.*, Gabriell Corryndon 40*s.* and Christofer Corryndon 40*s.* To John Lyvyg two hecffers and a maser. To my daughter Marion a gilt cuppe, a litle pounced pece, a spruce coffer and all that ys in hym. To Mary Haggatt a silver spone and a gowne. To each of my godchildren 4*d.* To the poor people of the said parish 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high wayes 3*s.* 4*d.* To Avis Corryndon a fetherbedd, a testor, two fustian pillowes and pillowbers to the same, a bearing shete, etc.

The residue to Fraunces Lyven my son (executor).

Witnesses: Sir John Hancocks, curate there, George Deane, clarke there, Nicholas Corryndon, Hugh Peny and Thomas Kicke. Proved May 10th, 1555.

[1] Commission to Jone Hartgill relict of the deceased and to Dorothy Hartgill relict of John Hartgill (one of deceased's executors) during the minority of Cuthbert Hartgill.

1555. HUGH PALMER.

[28 More.]

March 11th, 1555. Hughe Palmer, clerke. My body to be buried where it shall seem to my executors most convenient. Whereas I was fellowe of the newe college in Oxforde a long space and bare office there executinge the same sumwhat necligently and taking largely more peradventure then with good concience I ought to have done, in consideracoñ wherof I bequeathe to the said New College 40*s.* to be paide within one yere next folowing the making hereof. To the Newe College in Wynchester 20*s.* Where my sister Edithe whose soule Jesu pardon dyd leve three children Elynor, Thomas and John, I give to Elynor also to Thomas at the daye of their mariage 6*s.* 8*d.* and to John 10*s.* to be delyvered to hym at any tyme within theis fyve yeres unlesse that his father will sett him to scole and so maynteyne hym at his lernyng, then to that purpose to delyver to William Whytinge his father the said 10*s.* forthwith. To my brother Thomas to make merye with his wyef and children 3*s.* 4*d.* To my syster Marie a sengle gowne. To my god sonne named Hughe, one of Bagottes children in Lichefeld 2*s.* To Gosynall one of the Clerke vicars their, for the refresshing of his children 2*s.* To the vicars prestes 6*s.* 8*d.* for the amending of their comons at three or foure meales according to the mynde of the subchaunter. To poor people in Lichefilde 3*s.* 4*d.*, the moste parte to suche pore people as do then resorte to the churche upon sume holydaye. To the porest sorte of the parishe of Ichyngton 10*s.* and parte therof to be given at the chapell of Gaelon to the poor there. To Sir Pawle, prest, late one of the dissolved College in Welles, 3*s.* 4*d.*, praying hym, to praye for me. To John Dawys wief to make merye at sume brekefast or supper with her sonne Robert Dawe and the goodman Crusteman with their wifes, 2*s.* To poore folkes of the parishe of Watchett and Willyton 5*s.*, the most parte therof upon sume one holidaye or two to suche poore folke as shall be then present in the churche. To Sir Richard Wever chapleyn to the bishop of Coventree and Lychefilde a new Testament of Erasmus translation and 5*s.* which I thinke I owe hym. And where that one Wyldbloud of Eckelshall receyved certeyne

stuf of myne to the value of 13*s.* or 14*s.* wherof he never made me eny accompte, I will my executor shall receyve 10*s.* therof (if he may get yt) and the overplus I freely give to the said Wildbloud. To Sir Randall a boke of homilies in latyn callyd [ ].

The residue to my brother Peter Palmer (executor).

Proved June 22nd, 1555.

1555. ANTHONY GYLBERT.

[30 More.]

March 12th, 1555. Anthony Gylbert late of Estecocker, co. Somerset. My body to be buried in the parish church of Corton Dynham near unto the place where Robert Gilbert my father and Margaret my mother lieth buried, or ellse yf it happen to be so farre by the distaunce of xij miles where it shall please God that I shall departe, then in the churche in that place. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church where I shall be buried 10*s.* if it be not at Corton. To the prisoners of Yevelchester 10*s.* To the parish church of Corton Dynham 13*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Charlton Campfeild 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Quene Cammell 6*s.* 8*d.* To Anne my wife 100 wethers pasturing upon Horethorne. To my nephewe John Gilbert my great black mare. To my sister Elizabeth Adames 2 kye and the moitie of all my pewter, brasse, and brewing vessell. To my nephew Sir Henry Aischeley, knight, my Regalles. To my nephew Anthonye Aischeley my Crosbowe. To my cosyn Jamys Gilbert residenser of Welles my Ringe of golde graved with a seale of my Armes. To Sir Hewghe Pawlet, knight, the picture of Kinge Edward. To my cosyn Thomas Cheeke my trotting sorell colte. To my cosyn John Speeke of Somerton the picture of Our Ladye hanging at my beddes hedd and also the picture of Dives hanging in the parlour. To my nephew Willyam Gilbert half a hundreth wethers. To one Gerney merchant of Bristowe my Turkeys or £4. Four flockebeddes or matteresses to be distributed unto four poor men in the parishes of Estecocker, Quencamell, Corton Dinham and Charlton Campfeild. To the church of Brewham on vessement of blacke velvet with braunches

of golde to serve and celebrate therein. To the church of Corton Dinham a vestment of white Damaske with purple clothe of Tyssue on the backe and in the foreparte. To the church of Estecocker 10*s*. I will that my wife, her gentilwoman and every of my servantes being in my lyverie at my buriall shall weare such as my executors will provide for them, to whom I remytte the whole order therof not doubting but they will provide what shalbe mete according to my degree. To John Bounde and Richarde Dybble and all other my servants of my lyverie 20*s*. I will 5 marks be disposed at the day of my burial, whereof 13*s*. 4*d*. to ten preests present at that time to singe and celebrat Dirige and Masseys and to praye for my soule, my father's and mother's and all christen soules; one of the said masses to be of the Trinitie, the secounde of the Holly Goste, the thirde of the Fyve Wondes, the fourthe of Or Lady and the fivethe to be a masse of Requiem; and 4 marks upon a Dynner for such of my frends and preestes as shalbe there and no monethes mynde to be kept but my executors in the places where they dwell to give at their discretion to a preest to pray for my soule, saving that I wolde my executors send to the Curatt where I shall happen to be buried 20*d*. for a masse and Dirige to be said there for my soule, at any time within the month. I will there be no dole at my burial but I bequeath to the poorest householders of Corton Dinham 10*s*., of Charleton Campfeild 10*s*., of Horsingdone 5*s*., of Stowell 5*s*., of Poyntington 5*s*., of Mylborñ Porte 5*s*., of Sampford Orcas 5*s*., of Rympton 5*s*., of Quenecamell 6*s*. 8*d*., of Sowthcadbury 5*s*., of Sutton Montague 5*s*., and of Estecocker 6*s*. 8*d*. To my frende John Billinge, gentleman, all my bookes of the Lawe and all other things in my study at London. In consideration of the trust that my Cosyn Elizabeth Fitzjamys dyd put in me for one Thomas Mylner whom I have bounde prentise to one Napper of Westcocker, to the same Thomas Milner I bequeath £6 13*s*. 4*d*. when he shall accomplish thage of 21 years. The residue to my trustie cozens John Wadham and Nicholas Gilbert (executors). All those to whom I have established and assuryd in the Lawe all my lands and tenements as it apperith by certeyn writinges by me made, shall quyetly suffer all my tenants to enjoie their states of their leases. To every preest present at my burial 12*d*. to thentent that I will have no monethes

mynde kept there but only that they shall celebrate Masse and Dirige at the places where they dwell.

Overseers: Sir William Portman Justice of the Lawe and Sir Hewghe Paulet, knight.

Witnesses: John Billinge, Thomas Wynnyff, William Gibbes.

Proved August 13th, 1555.

1555. WILLIAM LUMBERD.

[27 More.]

March 12th, 1555. Willyam Lumberd of the peculyer of Chard. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Chard. To the parish church of Chard, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas my eldest son, all my gryne corn growing in my grounde, a wayne and a payer of whiles. To Johane my daughter at her marriage £13 6*s.* 8*d.* To my son John the elder 40*s.*, my son John the younger 40*s.*, my son in law John Cogyn, 5 weights of wolle the price of £4 and to each of his children a yewe shepe, my daughter Margarete Marshe one yewe shepe. To every householder in the tything of Cryme Chard, 8*d.* To 12 of the poorest men and women of my devocion, to the men all my wearing apparell, and to the women 6*d.* each. To my sister Alice Wythell £9, whereof £6 is in her husbands hands, and £3 in Gyles Wythells hands the son of John Wythell, bycause she shall be a good governor to Edithe Lumberd my daughter whom I do put to keping of John Wythell. To my sister Agnes Peers one cow. The residue to William and Fraunces my sons, and Edithe and Margarete my daughters (executors).

Overseers: John Wythell, George Peers, and Thomas Bowdiche.

Witnesses: the said overseers, and Giles Whithell.

Proved June 7th, 1555.

1555. THOMAS WICHEFILDE.

[26 Kechyn.]

March 12th, 1555. Thomas Wichefilde of Alverton. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Our blessid Ladie of Wedmore. To the cathedral church of Wells, and to my parish

church of Alverton, half a bushel of wheate. To the churches of Weaẽ and Wedmore the same. To Willyam Genettes a greate brasse panne. To Joane Gennettes 3 silver spones, and if she die before marriage, Willyam Genettes to have the same. To Richard Wichefilde a brasse panne, Joane Genettes two heyfers, John Wynter a cowe, Edmond Gyles a cow, Willyam the poore childe my beste cowe. To the mending of the highe waies a cow. To Margeret Adams a cow at Mighelmas with the hiar. To Margeret Churchehowse a heyfer, John Gennetes 12*d.*, Isabell Edgill 12*d.*, Alice Warmã 12*d.* The residue to Katheryn my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Thomas Hodges.

Witnesses: John Cassye, John Wynter, John Westover, Thomas Tailor.

December 15th, 1556. Commission of administration granted to Magdalene Barkley, executrix of the will of Katherine Wichefilde, deceased.

1555. RICHARD BUCLANDE.

[13 WRASTLEY.]

1555. Richard Bucland of Martoke, gentleman. My body to christian burial. To John Buclande the younger of the Temple, all my lands in Witcombe co. Somerset, from the day of my death to the end of the term of 21 years, yielding to the King and Quene all such relief and duties as shall apperteyn to them for the tenure thereof. To Cecile my wife my manor or Ferme house of Gerberdeston with all lands belonging to the same, co. Somerset, which I have of the demise and grant of William Fraunces, knight, by the name of William Fraunces Esquier, deceased, to have and hold to her during my years then to come, and also all such household stuff, corne, cattall and other goods as I now have in the said mansion or berton house of Gerberston or upon any of the houses or ground belonging to the same; all which said Mansion, lands and goods shall remain, after her death, to my nephew Christofer Dodington and to William Dodington his son, to the longest liver of them, his executors and assigns. To the said Cecile, my wife, my house

and tenement of Martok wherein I now dwell with my Barne and Stabells, the priours close, the brasies, two acres of mede in Cote mede and all household stuff, corn, cattall and other goods remayning upon the same or in or upon the houses or ground belonging to the same, or in or upon the Conygars, Sayes, Colhm̃s, Cotehayes, Lytell Brayes, or in any place in the parish of Martoke and also all the parsonage and portion of Tithe within the said parish belonging to the late dissolvyd house of Syon co. Middlesex which I have of the gift and grant of . . . for term of years yet to come; and after her decease the said tenement and house, all the said Barne, Stables, Priors close, Brasier, two acres of mede in Cote mede, Conygars Saies and porcion of Tithe and all the said household stuff cattell and other goods shall wholly remain to my nephew John Bucland son and heir apparent of John Bucland of Westharptre, gentleman. To my said wife one tenement called the Brethernehedd land which I have of the gift and graunt of . . . and after her decease the same to have to the said John and his assigns during the years then to come.

May 8th, 1557. Commission of administration granted to Cicilia relict of the said Richard Bucland deceased and September 3rd, 1557, to John Bucland brother and John Bucland nephew of the said Richard Bucland upon decease of the said Cicilia.

1556. ALEXANDER POPHAM.

[10 Kechyn.]

June 1st, 1556. Alexander Popham of Huntworth, co. Somerset, esquyer. My body to be buried in the church of North Petherton if I die in Somerset, otherwise in the church of the parish where I die at whiche my buriall my will is not to have any comen̄ dole but myn executors to take annote of all the poor householders in Bridgewater and North Petherton in wryting and give to each, 4*d.*, and to every other of their famylie, 2*d.* To the church of North Petherton, 20*s.* To the boxe prepared for the relief of the poor, 20*s.* To Sir Richard, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Thomas Clavelshay, 3*s.* 4*d.* To every other prest at my funerals, 12*d.*, and to every of the clerks, 8*d.* To my son, John

Popham, and Amye, his wife, and their heirs, all my lands in Bridgwater, Bawdrype, Wembdon and Chylton except the ground of 2 acres in Dunwer which I purchased of Mr. Hody upon part whereof I have buyldyd a barne. To Joan Kempe, one annuity of 4 marks out of my manor of Huntworth and other my lands in the parish of North Petherton. To my daughter Katheryn, 200 marks at her marriage and if she marry with the advice and consent of my executors and overseers, £300 more or as moch thereof as they shall thinke to be correspondent to the qualites of the persone with whome she shall marrie. My executors to sell the wardshipp and marriage of John Mauncell, cosyn and heire of Marmeduke Mauncell, deceased, which held of me by knightes service, for the performance of my will, and to pay yerely until my will be performed and my debts paid, to my son, Robert Popham, 20 nobles; and to my daughter Katheryn, until her marriage, 20 nobles, towards their living. After the performance of my will and payment of my debts, my son Edward Popham shall have all my interest and term to come in the manor of Wolmerston and Hadworth and in the tythe garbe of Dunwear bowre and Standenhaye and my son John Popham shall have all my interest in the vicarage of North Petherton and in the parsonages of Bridgwater and Durlegh, the parsonage and vicarage of Donyngton in Holland and my son Robert all my interest in the parsonage of Kyrton in Holland; provided always that my son John Popham shall ratify a lease that I have made to John Braunch, his wife and child of the manor and parsonage of Kylmersdon; likewise the said Robert after he shall have accomplished the age of 21 years shall ratify the same lease; provided that if my son Edward Popham shall obstinately refuse to ratify all such bargains as I have made or shall make, he shall not have any of my said leases before to him bequeathed. To my said son John Popham, 4 kyen, 3 iron spyttes, a payer of bygandyrons, a brandyron, half a garnyshe of pewter vessell, a paire of candelstickes of tyne, etc. To my Ladys Margret and Elynor Bowrgher, one ale cup of silver and two loodes of woode to be yearly taken out of my wood called Barewood. To my daughter, Amye Popham, a standing cup. To my daughter, Katheryn Popham, a cup of a grypis egg. To my son, Edward Popham, 8 oxen, one hundred

lodes of fagottes and all my tymber of the Okes fellyd in the grove at Huntworth. To each of my household servants other than such as shall have special legacies one half year's wages over and above what shall be due at my death. To Richard Godyng, £20, Richard Noke, 20*s*. Whereas I, upon promise of joynter to be made by my son, Richard Mychell, to my daughter, his wife, was contented to forgive unto him all money due to me for finding him, his wife and servants for four years after their marriage and thereupon made hym a bill of debt of £50, my mind is that although the said joynter be not yet made, yet the said debt of £50 shalbe paid unto the said Richard Michell as soon as he make the same joynter to my daughter, his wife, for term of her life. To Alexander Popham, son of Mermeduke Popham, 40*s*. To my godson, Robert Wynyet, 20*s*. To Sir William Portman, knight, Lord Chief Justice of Inglande, my greate blacke trottinge mare. To my cosyn, Henry Portman, the colt of the same mare. To Erasmus Pyme, my best gelding.

Executors: Sir Robert Stradling, knight, Barthũ Cõmbe, Humfry Walron, esquyers.

Overseers: the said Lord Chief Justice, and my son Richard Michell.

Proved July 2nd, 1556.

1556. THOMAS PEERS.

[10 Kechyn.]

June 10th, 1556. Thomas Peers of the parish of Bucklond Dynham. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Bucklond Denham. To Thomas Peers, my eldest son, £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To William, my son, £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To Richard, my youngest son, £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To Alice, my daughter, £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To the cathedral church of Wells, 4*d*. To my parish church of Bucklond, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Mr. Vicar, my gostly father, 2*s*. To each of my sons' and daughter's children, 6*s*. 8*d*. To William, my son, such debts as remain in the hands of Mr. John Horner, thelder, of Stokelaye, and of John Wekes of the parish of Dowltinge

and of William Shepperd of Babington. To Richard, my son, my debts in the hands of William Gylbert of Bucklond.

The residue to Edith, my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Robert Deram, John Acowrt, Walter Coles and William Guñyn.

Proved July 20th, 1556, administration committed to Richard Perse, son of the above said deceased.

1556. PETER DABERHAM.

[13 KECHYN.]

July 25th, 1556. Peter Daberam. My body to be buried in Cristian grave. To the cathedral church of Wells, 2*s.* To the church of Mary Magdallen in Tanton, 20*s.* To the church of Seynt James, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Fenotrie, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor there, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Harford, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor people there, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the churches of Staplegrove, Norton, Halboushoppis and Wylton, 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the towne of Tanton, £70, thencresse to be divided amongst the poor people after the discretion of the counstables and masters of the same town and to be distributed at two tymes of the yere. At the day of (my) buriall, £20 to the poor, and £10 at my monthes mynde. To Jane, my sister, £10 and the howse that I dwell in and the garden in Polstrett after the decease of my wife. To Agnes Wescot, my cosyn, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Phillip Love, my servant, one hole clothe of blewe, one half clothe of yalowe and one half clothe of white. To Dorothe Trowbridge, my servant, £5, Maude Bolton, wydowe, 10*s.*, Margaret Slocombe, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Thomas Strowbridge, my son-in-law, prentice in London, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Welthian, wife to Henry West, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Robert Shaller, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Christopher Howper, 3*s.* 4*d.*, my servant, John Michell, at his coming home from Le Southe, £5, Welthian Griffyn, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Mr. William Dowell, vicar of Mary Magdalen, my gostly father, 6*s.* 8*d.*, Willyam Horsey, my overseer, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, Laurence Carvanell, my other overseer, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

The residue to Alice, my wife, Elizabeth Colwell, my naturall mother and Agnes, my daughter (executrices). If Agnes, my daughter, die before 16 years of age, her goods to be divided, one part to my wife and the other to my brothers and sisters.

Witnesses: Mr. William Dovell, clerk, vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, John Willesdon, Thomas Symons, Robert Lowles, Willyam Colverell, William Horsey and Laurence Carvenall.

Proved September 2nd, 1556.

1556. THOMAS DYFFENELL.

[18 WRASTLEY.]

August 12th, 1556. Thomas Dyffenell of the peculyer of Combe Saynt Nicholas. My body to the yearth. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Combe 8*s.*, which John Nicolles of Whitlakenton oweth me, towards the making of some ornament in the said church. To my daughter Johane 20*s.* To my daughter Elynor 20*s.* To my daughters Maude and Grace 40*s.* each. If they all die before marriage theirs bequests shall remain to John my son. To Richard my brother my best gowne and a quarter of Otes. To Johane my daughter my great chaier. To Mawde my daughter a porscenet of brasse and the best salte seller of tyne. To my daughter Alice a heyfer. To Johan More 12*d.* To Johane Harvey two chilver shepe. To Robert Dyvynell a chilver shepe. To John Dyvynell *als.* Mason a heyffer bullocke and my best sleeveles coote, my bowe, myn arrowes and my best sythe. To John James 2 blacke lambes and a chaier being with William Dyvynell. To Robert Harvye my russet hosen and a doblet of lynclothe. To the Clarke two bushels of Malte. To my executors half the goods of my mother to whom I was executor, John More hath it in his custody. To Mr. George Sydenham two of my best oxen, desiring him to be good to my poor wife. The residue to Mawde my wife and John my son (executors), and if the said John die before marriage his goods shall remain to his sisters.

Overseers: Robert Awood, John Whitmã and Robert Baker.

Witnesses: Barnard Marwood, Richard Dyvynell, Stephyn Townsend, Alexander Noble, William James, and John Harvye.

Proved June 18th, 1557.

1556. WILLIAM TORRY.

[18 WRASTLEY.]

October 7th, 1556. Willyam Torry of Combe Seynt Nichas. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Combe St. Nicholas. To the church of St. Andrew in Wells 12*d.* To the church of Combe St. Nicholas 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elizabeth Screvyner my servant a chilver shepe. To John Morys my servant the same. To each of my children 10 sheep. To Alexander Nobyll 12*d.* The residue to Thomasyn my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir William Mighell vicar, William Stone, William Gollopp, John Boby.

Overseers: John Bobye, William Stone, William Gollope, Thomas Torrye, and Richard Dyvynell.

Proved June 18th, 1557.

1556. THOMAS SYMES.

[26 KECHYN.]

November 28th, 1556. Thomas Symes of Weston in Soylande. My body to be buried in the church of Weston aforesaid. To Alice my wife all suche householde stuff as was at the house of Newton where I married her before I came thether, six of my best oxen, weyne and wheles. To the said Alice and to Thomas and Henry my sons (at their lawful age), £50. To the said Thomas and Henry my sons and to Alice and Joane my daughters all my title and interest in 32½ acres of grounde in Saltmore during the years of my lease. The part of any of the said children dying to remain to John my son and executor.

Overseers: Henry Symes, Walter Doble, and John Tyther.

The residue to John Symes the younger, my son (executor).

Witnesses: John Parsons, Henry Symes, Walter Doble, John Tither, Edward Croydon, and Thomas Michell.

Proved December 23rd, 1556.

1556. WILLIAM COOKE.

[4 WRASTLEY.]

December 18th, 1556. William Cooke of Lympsham. My body to be buried in the churchyard at Lympsham. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of Lympsham 2*s.* To Joane Quycke the younger £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, whereof is paid £4 for the fine of a bargain in Est Bryme. To Christopher Hagatt, John Cooke, and William Welshe £80, of which £44 is in the hands of Christopher Hagatt and the residue shall arise out of a bargain that William Welshe and I do hold in Salt Marshe. To John Rey 40*s.* To Alice Say 13*s.* 4*d.* To Alice Amler £13 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that Christopher Hagatt have the governance of three hogge coltes, which shall be two that I had of Cobbe and one that I had of Thomas Adam. To Joan Bulgen of Est Brymt 10*s.* To Thomas Marren £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Katheryn Teke 20*s.* The residue to Christian my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Cooke of Rucks Bridge, John Rey, Alice Say, Joan Bulgen.

Proved February 10th, 1556.

1556. JOHN LAVER.

[4 WRASTLEY.]

December 18th, 1556. John Laver of the parish of Martock. My body to the erthe. To the mother church of Wells 20*d.* To the parish church of Martock 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Laver my eldest son £13 15*s.* To every of my other children, that is, to Robert, George, John, Thomas the younger, Marie, Johane and Agnes Laver, £20 each and I will that my children Thomas the younger, Mary and Agnes shall remain in the custody of Thomas Laver the elder, my son, and John and Johan in the custody of Robert Laver my son, until they be twenty years of age, except any of them do marry before that age. I will that if one or more of my children die before they be of the said age or married, then his or her money shall be divided amongst my said children that hath no bargaynes in hand, except to Willyam my son who shall have no part nor parcell thereof.

To Margaret my wife £20 and all her goods that I had with her at our marriage. If it happen that she be now with child, then the said child shall have £6 13*s.* 4*d.* I will that this my household, my wife, my children and my servants do remain here together until Michelmas next following and here to be found with such grayne and other kyndes of vitell as here is left ynough and my executor shall provide at his cost and charge things necessary for them. And my executor shall occupy all the pasture of my bargains as well the severall as the common until the said feast of Saynt Mighell. And after that feast everyone to depart to his own household and to take with them all the Cropp growing on their bargains. And where I have a lease of certain years to come in Ernshill I will that Thomas my eldest son (*sic*) shall have and enjoy my years in my said close called Mettforlonge and all the grounds there except these parcells of ground which I have given unto my children, viz., To John my son one close called Wroton, to Thomas my younger son one close called Wheate close and all the padockes next beyond the Lane, also to Thomas the younger and John my sons all the medowe of Earnshill aforesaid as well that medowe which is sett by me to men of Barinton and Drayton; notwithstanding Thomas my eldest son shall yearly pay the whole rent of all the said Earnshill and acquite and save harmeles Thomas the younger and John my sons. And if he will not, then Thomas the younger and John shall occupy and enjoy the said close called Metfurlonge until Thomas the elder pay the whole rent as aforesaid. To Thomas the elder, Robert and George my sons eight oxen and four great steris which shall remain here and do all such work as belongeth to plough to do as well at Borowe as at Stapulton all three bargains until the said feast of Saynt Mighell. To Robert and George my sons my two best weanes and wheles. To Robert Laver my son my best table borde, a cupborde, a new forme and hangings of the haull.

Overseers: Robert Dyar of Stapulton and William Howchin. The residue to Thomas Laver my elder son (executor).

Witnesses: Robert Hawkyns, John Mower the elder, Thomas Phillipps.

Proved February 6th, 1556.

1556. WILLIAM PORTMAN, KNT.

[5 WRASTLEY.]

January 25th, 3 and 4 Phil. and Mary. Willyam Portman, knight, Chiffe Justice of England. My body to be buried where it shall please God to call me to His Mercie. To the parsone of Orchard for tithes forgotten 20*s*. To the poore £20 over and above the money bestowed at my buriall which I wold shulde be done after an honest sorte withoute pompe and pride. To each of my servants his whole year's wages over and above his wages due at the quarter after my death and to every of my servants taking no wages, 20*s*. My mother to have the occupation of the chamber wherein she lieth and, for a Remembrance, my Rynge that I were on my fynger and £6 13*s*. 4*d*. to bye her a gown, praying her to blesse me with her blessinge and to praye for me. To my sister Dorothe £10 and £4 yearly during her life. To my brother John £10. To my daughter Mary and to John Stowell £200, all my shepe at Cotherston, all her mother's wearing garments and her best chayne and her tabelet. To Elizabeth Portman £40 to her marriage. I will my son put out none of my tenants to whom I have sold any bargain and if he do so I will that they be recompensed of the profits of my manor of Clawsey. I will John Cuffe be discharged of the 40 marks which I received of his father to be delivered into the Chaunceryе at the suyte of Robert a Cary. The residue to my son Henry Portman (executor), except one chayne which I give to my daughter his wife.

Overseers: Sir John Baker, Sir Nicholas Hare, knightes, to each of whom I bequeath a portegue, Nicholas Halsewell, John Cuffe and William Halley.

Proved February 13th, 1556.

1556. JOHN CUFF.

[15 WRASTLEY.]

February 10th, 1556. John Cuff of the parish of Cryche, gentilman, bequeathed his body to be buried in christen burial at the discretion of his executors. To his three sons, William Henry and John £40 each. To his six daughters, Marie,

Dorothie, Ursula, Luce, Susanna and Elizabeth £40 each. To Margaret Carvanell his daughter £20. The residue to Johane his wife and Robert his son (executors).

Witnesses: William Chapleyn, Richard Archebold, clark, Robert Chappell.

Proved May 17th, 1557.

1556. WILLIAM PERTRIDGE.

[25 KECHYN.]

February 11th, 1556. William Pertrige of Mysterton in the parish of Crukern. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Crukern. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Crukern a wether shepe. To our chappell of Mysterton a wether shepe. To my goostlye father Sir John Marsshe 12*d.* The residue to Agnes Pertrige my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Marshe, John Currye, Willyam Pulman.

Proved December 8th, 1556.

1556. ARTHUR PLAIER.

[14 WRASTLEY.]

March 15th, 1556. Arthur Player of Keynsham, yoman, My body to the earth. To the church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Keynsham 3*s.* 4*d.* To the bells 20*d.* To Willyam Player my son £20. To Edy Crowe my daughter £20. To Alice Player my daughter £20, at her marriage. To Anne Player my daughter £40 at her marriage. To Johane Player my daughter the same.

The residue to Johane my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Edmonde Crewe my son-in-law, John Bronyng, John Whelar.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Alen, John Saunders.

Proved May 4th, 1557. [*De bonis non* grant, 1580.]

1557. JOHN BRANGWYN.

[18 WRASTLEY.]

April 6th, 1557. John Brangwyn of the parish and peculyer of Charde. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Charde. To St. Andrew's church of Wells *2d.* To the church of Charde *6s. 8d.* To William my eldest son two wethers price *6s.* To Robert my son six yowes and lambs and a cow. To John my eldest son (*sic*) £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Richard my son his mother's best harnys girdle and £3. To Water my son a calf. To my son John the younger a lambe. To my son William the younger a lambe.

The residue to Ellynor my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Kylbery my curate, William Sellowde, Richard Smyth and Water Gachyll.

Proved June 18th, 1557.

1557. JOHN SYDENHAM, KNT.

[15 WRASTLEY.]

April 8th, 1557. John Sydenham of Brympton, co. Somerset, knight. My body to be buried in the parish church of Saynt Androwe in Brympton. To St. Andrew's church of Wells 10*s.* To the church of Brympton *6s. 8d.* To my daughter Anne towards her marriage 400 marks. I will that all my purchase land as well the rentes as also all the casualties, fynes, profyttes and all other revenues of the same shall from time to time be and remain to the use and payment of my debts after which I bequeath to Henry my son all my messuages and lands etc. in Bouley, Mylston, Monkensale, Moreston, Sampford Peverell, Uplomen, Holycombe Rogue, Burlescombe, Collompton, Teberton, Gambeston, Chyttye Hm̃pton, Thorvorton, Upton Pyne, Langleigh and Rolleston, co. Devon to have and to hold to the said Henry Sydenham and his heirs male and for lack of such issue, to my right heirs forever, by the rents and services thereof to the Chyffe Lordes of the fee due and accustomed. To John my younger son of that name, all my lands etc., in

Donyford, Hartrow, Kynges Brompton, Upton, Stogomer, Bycknaller, Crocombe, Brompton Rawfe, Mylverton, Westowe, Westleighe, Combflorey, Kingeston juxta Yevill and the borough of Watchett, co. Somerset, all which lands lately I purchased together with Sir John Wyndhm̃, knight, all which were late the inheritance of John Sydenham of Orchard, Esquire, deceased, to have and to hold to the said John Sydenham and to his heirs male, and for lack of such issue, to my right heirs forever. To Walter my son all my lands etc., in the borough of Charde which I lately purchased of Thomas Cogan of Mountague to have and to hold to the said Walter Sydenham and his heirs male, and for lack of such issue to my right heirs forever. To Ursula my wife all my lands in the parishes of Est Coker and West Coker and in Keynsford in the parish of Seynt Deacons, co. Somerset, to have and to hold to the said Ursula and her heirs forever, in consideration whereof I will that she pay one annual rent of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to Joane sometime wife of my brother John Sydenham deceased, during her life. And after the decease of me and my said wife I will that all my messuages lands and tenements known by the name of Combe Sydenham in the parish of Stogomer and all my lands lying in Combe Sydenham shall remain to George Sydenham my son and to his heirs male, and for lack of such issue, the remainder thereof to my right heirs forever. I will also that my manor of Lopyñ, co. Somerset, which I lately purchased of Sir Gyles Strangeweye, knight, and all my lands in Lopyn aforesaid shall remain to John Sydenham my eldest son and heir apparũnte on condition that he always ratify and confirm all such grants and estates as I and my wife have made or shall make by indenture or Copie of Courte Roll for term of lives or years whereupon tholde accustomed rent or more is reservyd to have and to hold to the said John Sydenham and his heirs forever; or else I will the said manor and lands shall remain to William Sydenham my son and his heirs male, and for lack of such issue to my right heirs.

The residue to Ursula my wife (executrix) provided that if she marry all my goods shall remain to my children. To my servants, that is, to my yeoman's servyng men being my household servants to each of them and also to Thomas Sampford 40*s.*, and to my hynes laborers 6*s.* 8*d.* each.

Witnesses: John Virgin, Thomas Harding, Thomas Virgin, John Torr, Robert Holmes.

Proved May 21st, 1557.

1557. WILLIAM GOUPPY.

[12 WRASTLEY.]

April 12th, 1557. Willyam Gouppy of the parish of Butleigh. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Butleigh. To the same church 2*s.* To our mother church of Wells 4*d.* To Thomas Evens one payer of whelles. To Margery Knowlles £5 at her marriage. To William Knowlles 33*s.* 4*d.* To Elenor Evens a sparked boll. To William Yeate a young mare. To Johane Berde a heyffer yerlinge. To Johane my wife four oxen, three kyne and calves, two mares, a horse colte, a gelding, two yerlings, a heyfer, three pigges, a wayne, a fetherbed, two dustebeddes, two crockes, a brewing leade with all manner of treen vessell, one carpet clothe with all manner of stayned clothes and £17 11*s.* 8*d.* of my debts and also three pounde of fee which I have during John Perses lief with the mede and two colttes lese in West Pennard. To Sir Richard Berser, curat, 3*s.* 4*d.*

The residue to John Perce, clarke of the Checke to the King and Quenes Ma^tics garde (executor).

Overseers: Phillipp Gouppy and Gouppie thelder.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Berser, curate, Phillipp Gouppie, Robert Gosmer, John Knowlles, Richard Barrate.

Proved May 3rd, 1557.

1557. THOMAS LONGE.

[18 WRASTLEY.]

April 15th, 1557. Thomas Longe of Dolysshewake. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Dolysshe. To St. Andrew's church of Wells 4*d.* To the church of Dolysshe 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Codworthe 3*s.* 4*d.*

The residue to Alice Longe my wife and Willyam Longe my son (executors), and if my son die before marriage then his whole moiety of my goodes shall remain to my wife.

Overseers: Nicholas Bragge and my cosyn George Longe.
Witnesses: Sir John Batten parson there, Roger Longe.
Proved June 18th, 1557.

1557. JOHN GILBERT.

[23 WRASTLEY.]

June 20th, 1557. John Gylbert of Wytcombe, co. Somerset, esquier. My body to be buried in the parish church of Corton to which church 13*s.* 4*d.* To my son George Gilbert a bason and ewer of silver, etc., after the decease or marriage of my wife, his mother. To Grace my daughter £100 at her marriage. To Anne, Dorethye and Jane three other of my daughters £40 each at their marriage. And forasmuch as I know that my moveable goods be nothing like in value for the payment of these legacies and of my debts, viz., to Mr. Anthony Dylington £50, and to John Smythe of Quene Camell £55 over and besides such sums of money as he disbursed for me at Ester terme last in London, and to John Hebdiche £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to John Frye of Shurborne 20*s.*, I am forresyd to appoint such lands as I have and may by order of the law appoint, for the performance of all the premises and for the relief of my wife and the rest of my children. And for that as I am unlernyd in the lawe and have not at these presents lernyd councell what lands and what porcion of my lands I may lawfully appoint, I do by this my last will devise to my trusty friends John Keynes, esquier, my brother in law, John Lyte of Litiscary, esquier, Anthony Dylington, gentilman, and John Smythe of Quene Camell and to their heirs forever to the only use and behoffe of payment of my dets and legacies, going out of my lands, tenements and hereditaments in the Ilde of Wight, co. Southampton, £20 of annual rent and I will that they stand and be seasyd of as much of all my said lands in the Ilde of Wight as shall amount to the said sum of £20 and for the better expedicon in paying the said debts and legacies I give and infeffe to my said friends 40 marks yearly out of my lands in Wytcombe and Stert and elsewhere within the parish of Babcarye, co. Somerset, and they to stand and be seasyd in as much thereof as shall yearly amount to the said sum and also of as much of my lands

in Stert aforesaid which I purchased of one William Dauntsey Alderman of the Citie of London, deceased, as shall amount to the yearly value of £4, to the use of James and Robert two of my younger sons for term of their lives, 40*s.* apiece yearly to be paid and the remainder thereof and of all other my abovesaid lands and tenements after the performance of my debts and legacies shall remain to my son and heir and to his heirs forever.

The residue of my moveable goodes to Anne my wife (executrix) to the intent that she pay my debts as far as they shall extend and amount unto by indifferent preasers by the supervisors of my will appointed or by themselves or the more part of them praysed. If my wife refuse, my son and heir George Gilbert to be my executor.

Overseers: my aforesaid friends, John Keynes, esquire, my brother-in-law, John Lytt, esquier, Anthonye Dylingeton, gentleman, and John Smythe of Quene Camell.

Witnesses: John Smyth, who dyd wryte this presente will, John Hebdyche, Water Gilbert, gentleman, Henry Soper, gentleman, William Cary, Robert Mores.

Proved July 5th, 1557.

1557. SYLVESTER STUKELEY.

[29 WRASTLEY.]

June 28th, 1557. Sylvester Stukeley of the Mydle Temple in the Suburbes of London, gentleman. My body to be buried in the parish church of Saynt Bryde in Fletestrete in the Suburbes of London. I will that my executrix under wryttyn shall honestly bring my body to the Erthe and bestowe the same buryall £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and distribute amongest the poor people 40*s.* To William Carent of Mynhed co. Somerset, gentleman, 30*s.* To John Neweport of Brydgewater co. Somerset, gentleman, 20*s.* To Phillipp Willm̃s of Pawlet in the said county, yeman, 20*s.*, Thomas Gregory of Pawlett husbandman 10*s.*, Sir Anthony Hungerford knyght 40*s.*, the poor people of Carampton 20*s.*, the poor people of Dunster 40*s.* Towards the reparing of Mershe bridge in the parish of Caronton aforesaid

40*s*. To the reparing of Brokeland Fote Brydge leding towards Caronton 40*s*. To the vicar of Caranton for to say for my soule and my ffryndes soules vij masses and dirges 20*s*. I frely forgyve all suche persons as owe unto me any som̃ or somes of money wythout any specialties, except my rentes which is or shalbe due to be payed. To William Swett of Salisbury 10*s*.; my daughter Mary Stewkeley £40 when she shall come to lawful age or marriage; my welbeloved father Peter Stewkeley my doñ mare, my best gowne faced with Foynes welted with velvett and a blacke coote. To Richard Stewkeley my black Curtall and a black coote my gowne faced with damaske and welted with velvett; my brother Robert a blacke coote; my servant John Harte a black cote and 20*s*. besides his wages; my brother Hughe Stewkeley a black gown and a murnyng capp; Marye my wife a certeyn cheste in the hands of Christian Fylmer and £46 in half sufferans, £11 in old Aungelles and £16 in Aungelles and old Ryalles. To John Crathorn a black gowne and a murnyng capp; Thomas Rylye a blacke gowne and a murnyng capp; Roger Grace the same; Margaret Craythorne wife of the said John Craythorne a black gowne. To my said wife all my goodes remanyng in thandes of my father, as follows:—First in pewter wythin two hampers, vj platters, vj dysshes vj porringers, xij saucers, vj trencher plates, two flatt plates, a basen and an ewer, a posset boule wt a cover, twoo standing disshes, two white candilstickes, a spyce morter of latten, a case of knyves gilte, one quarte pott, one chambre pott, which ij hampers are standing in the closett chamber and a cheste locked being full of lynnen in the same chamber and a bedsted of wynescott in the same chamber, a payer of Tonges, a fyer shovell of Flanderswork, a payer of Bellowes and a newe presse standing in my father's chamber being doble locked wyth vj Cuysshens, one long carpett, one coverlett, a pillough and all suche myn apparrell not bequethed as is remayning in the same presse and in the greate chamber and all her apparrell remayning in one of my father's chestes, a bedsted wyth a Testur and curteyns of Saye and Trundell, a joyned cupborde of waynescott, a lytle plate for candles, a chayer in the same chamber, an Amerye in the Buttrey and a byn there, vj stone cuppes, a Skalett of Brasse with dyvers other thynges the

which I cannot now remember. The residue to Mary my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Hugh Stewkeley gentleman and John Crathorne.

Witnesses: John Crathorne, Roger Grace, Thomas Wyley, Henry Vernon.

Memorandum. Whereas the said Sylvester Stukeley had given to his daughter Mary Stukeley £40 to be paid at her lawful age or marriage, his will was that if the said Marye did die before she came to lawful age or marriage, then the said £40 should remain to his wife Mary Stukeley.

Witnesses: John Crathorn, Thomas Ryley, Roger Grace and Henry Vernon, servant to Mr. Hudson Steyvin.

Proved August 25th, 1557.

1557. JOHN JENYS.

[39 WRASTLEY.]

July 10th, 1557. John Jennys of Wytcombe in the parish of Martocke. My body to be buried in the church of Martocke. To the mother church of Wells 12*d*. To the church of Martocke 10*s*. To the highe altare of the same church 12*d*. To the children of my son Thomas Jenys 40*s*. To the children of John Jonyes of South Petherton 40*s*. To Edmond my son £5. To Elizabeth daughter of John Jonys a cow. To the poor people of Martocke 40*s*.

The residue to William Jenys and Nichas Jenys my sons (executors).

Overseers: Robert Jenys and Thomas Jenys, my sons.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Luffe, vicar of Martocke, John Jonys.

Proved October 22nd, 1557.

1557. WILLIAM PANYS.

[32 WRASTLEY.]

July 18th, 1557. William Panys of the parish of Stoke. My body to be buried at Chewe. To St. Andrewes church in Wells 4*d*. To Annys my daughter £20. Isabell my daughter £20. Elizabeth my daughter £20. Jone my daughter £20. To Isabell Dogat a calf. To my wife Alice all my purches during her life.

The residue to Alice my wyfe and John Panys my eldest son and John Panys my younger son (executors).

Overseers: John Fyshear, and John Saunders.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Ricardes parson of Stoke, John Saunders, John Fysshear, John Perryn and William Dennam.

Proved September 2nd, 1557.

1557. LADY JOAN WADHAM.

[29 WRASTLEY.]

July 22nd, 1557. Dame Jone, Lady Wadham of Meryfeld, co. Somerset, wydowe. My body to be buried in the parish church of Ilton if it please God to call me from my house of Meryfyld. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the churches of Ilton, Whitlackyngton, Abbotes Ile and Fyffet a noble apiece. To my son Christofer Cheverel the elder and to Christopher Cheverell the younger, son and heir apparent of the said Christopher Cheverell the elder, my basen and ewer of silver for my will is that the said basen and ewer should always remain to the heirs of the house of Chauntmarell. Whereas my said son Christopher Cheverell hath received of me £100 and above and hath as yet made none accompt unto me for the same, I bequeath unto him all the said sum. To my daughter Elizabeth Cheverell two of my best gowns and kyrtilles. To Jane Wogan, widowe, as well £15, for payment whereof she standeth bound to me, as also all other money that she had of me. I will that 300 marks be received out of my stockes and stores of goods for the marriage and preferment of Philipp Cheverell my said son's youngest daughter; my servants William Bevin and Marten Poster to have the custody of the said money until her marriage and if she die, to divide it amongst her brothers. I will that my said son Christopher Cheverell, William Bevin and Martyn Poster shall have the Wardeshipp of my warde Edward Barough, and that he shall be kept to scoole and virtuously brought up until he be 21 years of age, and if he marry with their goodwill and consent then I bequeath to the said Edward his Wardeshipp and all the appurtenances and comodities thereunto belonging; and if he do not, then all such sums of money or other comodities that ought

to come to me by reason of the said Wardeshipp shall revert unto Barba Barough his sister. To the said Edward all such rents as I have collected upon the land of the said Edward by reason that I was Wardeyne in Socage unto him, the deductions that I have made for his meat, drink, apparell and teaching according to one booke of Accompte my Bayliffes and me thereof made, only excepted. If he die before the said age, the said Barba his sister shall have all the said superplussage that shall remain of the said rents. To the said Barba £500. if she contract matrimoni or promys her self in mariage to any man before the full age of 20 years with the goodwill of my son John Wadham Esquier, the said Christopher Cheverell, William Bevin and Martyn Pester. If she die before the said age and not be married the said £500 shall remain to the said Edward her brother. I will that the said £500 shall remain in the custody of the said William Bevin and Martyn Pester to whose honest keeping I have committed the said Barbara. To the said Edward Barough one standing cup and my best pair of vestments. To Florens Wadham six yards of black sattyn to make her a gown. To Marye Bevin my best woursted gowne. To Jone of Shapwick and Jone Santer 20*s*. each. To my servants with me at the time of my death, as follows:—William Bevin, and Martyn Pester £6 13*s*. 4*d*. each. Richard Manering £3 6*s*. 8*d*., the Scole Mr. 40*s*., Robert Taylor, John Goghe, and Richard Horsman 40*s*. each, Thomas Hurman, Anthony the Coke, and Henry the boye of the kyching, 20*s*. each, John Thorne, and John Baker 6*s*. 8*d*. each, Philyce, 40*s*., Old Jone 40*s*. Jone Sweltman 20*s*. To Alice Pester a standing bedstedd and a fetherbedd which are at the personage of Ramsham with the hangings of my house that were at Maydnewton.

Memorandum: that where my cosyn George Payne hath laid certain lands unto me in Morgage upon condition that if he or his executors repaid not £103 6*s*. 8*d*. unto me at a day appointed, as by one pair of Indentures bearing date November 4th last past more plainly it doth appear, then the said lands to be and remain to me and my heirs forever, I will that the said lands shall remain to my executors for the performance of my will. Whereas I have made covenant with one Henry Reynold for £6 13*s*. 4*d*., his meate, drynke, and lodgyng, a studye gowne

of Fryse and a cote of good brode clothe to teche the said Edward Barough 3 whole years to begin at the feast of St. Michael next coming, for the performance whereof I have caused the said Henry Reynold to be bound unto the said William Bevin and Martyn Pester, I will that they shall yearly not only provide an honest convenient place for the said Henry Reynold to instruct and teach the said Edward Barough in, but also pay quarterly for the same out of all such issues as ought to come to me by reason of the said Wardeshipp. To my said son Christopher Cheverell the elder £20. To Christopher Cheverell the younger £20. To Nicholas Cheverell, Hugh Cheverell, John Cheverell the elder, Robert Cheverell, and John Cheverell the younger £10 each. To the said Barbara Baroughe one peace of playn red to make her two peticotes. To my daughter Elizabeth Cheverell three yardes of fyne brode blacke. To John Surgion £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Isabell Soper all such money as John Soper of Speckington her father doth owe me, my cousin Thomas Lyte £30, Phillipp Cheverell one peace of brode Russett cloth, Sir Thomas Stuckey vicar of Ilton 40*s.*, Alice Pester one litle sylver salte with a cover. To the said Barbara Baroughe one litle spruse coffer full of stuf that is in my closett and one other spruse coffer that is at the parsonage at Ransham, and one great cheste there. To the said Edward Baroughe xj newe Cuysshens wrought wyth medle whereof ij are unstuffed and also ij litle carpettes of lyke worke. All the rest of my stuff of Ransham to my servants William Bevyn and Martyn Pester. I will that my body be honestly brought in earth and for the more better doing thereof I will £30 be bestowed in black cloth to make gownes and cotes, and £200 delte to the poor at my buriall, monthes mynde and twelvemonthes ende, and if any remain it shall be bestowed upon the highe wayes.

The residue to the said Christopher Cheverell, Willm̃ Bevyn and Martyn Pester (executors) to fynde a preste praying for my soule and my late husband's, Sir Nicholas Wadham and other of my frendes in such church as I shall be buried, for one whole year and to have £10 for his wages.

Overseers: my said son John Wadham and George Speake, Esquyer. In witness whereof I have set my seal, the day and

year abovesaid, at my house of Meryffyld in the presence of John Wadham Esquyer, Edward Barough, and Richard Maneringe, gentillmen.

Proved August 30th, 1557.

1557. ISABEL COOLE.

[28 NOODES.]

July 27th, 1557. Isabell Cole, wedowe, of Saincte Cuthbertes parisshe in the Cittie of Welles. My body to be buried in St. Cuthbert's churchyard. To Mawde my daughter a fetherbedd and 40*s.* To poor impotent people 12*d.* To be distributed by hand to poor people 2*s.* 4*d.* To Richard Cole my son all my full power and title that I have by vertue of my brother's will. The residue to Richard Cole my son (exor.)

Witnesses: Sir John Tournor preest, Morice Llewelyn, Thomas Fulwell, and John Breston.

Proved June 8th, 1558.

1557. JOHN HURD.

[38 WRASTLEY.]

August 5th, 1557. John Hurd of the parish of Longe Sutton. My body to be buried in the church of Longe Sutton, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To Sir William Hart vicar there 18*s.* 3*d.* to be paid by the hands of Richard Pype of Wytcombe. To my brother Peter £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my brother John 26*s.* 8*d.* To Henry Lokyer, William Symes, William Maunder, Thomas Love, Thomas Wharbarton, William Goffe, John Baratt, and William Towker a bushel of wheat each. To Thomas West four bushels of wheat. To Thomas my youngest son a wayne and wheles. The residue to be divided between Margaret my wife, William and Thomas my sons and Johane and Margery my daughters (executors). If my wife die and also all my children before they come to lawful age I will that my overseers, viz., my father John Hurd, John Gaylberd, John Chamber the elder, and John Chamber the younger shall have the disposition of my will.

Witnesses: Sir William Hart, William Michell, Nicholas Bull.

Proved October 22nd, 1557.

1557. ALEXANDER MUTTILBERYE.

[54 WRASTLEY.]

August 9th, 1557. Alexaunder Muttilburye of Jurdayn in the peculier and parish of Ashehill. My body to be buried in the chauncell of the parish church of Aishehill where the bodies of my father and mother lieth, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* to be prayed for. To my daughter Elizabeth £40 and her arrayed and her wedding dynner. To Johane my unmarried daughter 40 marks. To Joane Cockes whom I have bought up, £5. To the vicar of Ayshill 6*s.* 8*d.* for the openyng of the grounde. To the poor people of the same parish 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor 33*s.* 4*d.* The residue to Catherine my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Robert Cuff, gentleman, of Roulaunds and William Pynnye of Brodewaye.

Witnesses: Robert Cuff, gentleman, Robert Cuffe the younger of Chriche, Androw Mason, Thomas Cuff and Philip Cuff.

Proved December 4th, 1558.

1557. JOHN RODVORD.

[21 NOODES.]

August 15th, 1557. John Rodvord. My body to holy grave. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of Brushforde 20*s.* To each of my godchildren 4*d.* To my children Agnes, Johan, John, Thomas, Edward and Gregory, £20 each. To William my son £40. If any of these children die before marriage, his or her part shall remain to the survivors. The residue to Margaret my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Mr. John Rolles, esquier, Thomas Mudford, preist, and Gregory Rodvord.

Witnesses: Thomas Mudford, preist, Gregory Rodvord and Robert Nicoll.

Proved May 13th, 1558.

1557. JOHN UNDERHAYE.

[39 WRASTLEY.]

August 17th, 1557. John Underhaye of the parish of Mary Magdalyn, in Tawnton, clothier. My body to be buried in the church of Mary Magdalyn, to which church 20*s*. To the highe Crosse theyre 3*s*. 4*d*. To the mother church in Wells 12*d*. To the church of St. James by Tawnton 6*s*. 8*d*. To the maintenance of the Brydge called Toone bridge in Tawnton 40*s*. I will that there be distributed among poor people at my burial £20 and at my monethes mynde and twelve monethes mynde £20 and I give £20 to be distributed quartelye that is £5 at every quarter. To Olyver Underhaye all my land and Tynne woorkes in Devon and all the years to come of and in a bargain at Olde Cleave, co. Somerset being the lands of the Righte honorable Earle of Arundell and if he die having no issue, the remainder thereof to John Underhaye his brother and if he die having no issue, the remainder to Alexander Underhaye his brother. To the poor people in the parishes of Old Cleave, St. Decoms and Bysshopp Lydearde 20*s*. to each (parish) to be paid out of the rent of my bargain in Olde Cleave. To John Stalinge my best gowne and my best doblet, Richard Taylor a gown, Olyver Underhaye a standing cuppe of sylver wt a cover gilte pounsed wth relles wayenge xxix oz., an ale cupp, etc., and viij sylver spoones wth mayden heddes wayenge viij oz., provided that if he die before marriage this legacy and land shall remain to John Underhaye his brother and for lack of issue of the said John to the eldest brother of the said Olyver and John and so remayning from one brother to the other of all the men children of Thomas Underhaye my son. To Olyver Underhaye £40 provided that all these my legacies unto the said Olyver remain in the hands of Bartylmewe Combe, esquire, John Stalynge and John Slocombe. To John Stalinge and Tomasin his wife £80 and to his children here named, that is, Willm̃, Roberte, Nicĥas, James, Henry and Jasper £10 each and if any die before marriage or the age of 21 years, his part shall remain to the survivors; provided that John Stalinge my daughter's son shall have the use and custody of the said legacies until the said time or any time before when my overseers or the father of the said children shall see cause reasonable to bestow

the same legacy in any bargain for the profit of the said children; so that the said John Stalinge do use the trade of merchandyse and otherwise not to have the use of the said legacy. To John, Richard and George Stalinge, my daughter's sons £20 each provided that if any die before marriage or the age of 21 years, this his legacy shall come to all the rest of the children of John Stalinge the elder. To John Stalinge my daughter's son all my interest and years to come in a lease of a house in the highe streate in Tawnton and if he die having no issue, the remainder thereof to come to Richard Stalinge his brother and if he die having no issue, the said term to come to any of the children of John Stalinge the elder at the discretion of my son-in-law John Stalinge and Thomasine his wife. To Thomasine Stalinge my daughter a neste of goblettes of sylver, six sylver spoones with knappes in the endes called thappostelles and ij ale cuppes, to the intent that whoever shall happen to dwell (in) and have the house in the highe streate in Tawnton of her children or childres children, shall have all the said plate to his use. To Thomasin Slowcombe my son's daughter a sylver salte parcell gilte. To Agnes Hawkins my servant £20. To Mr. William Dovell, vycar of Mary Magdalen 20*s*. To Thomasin Stalinge my daughter all such household stuff as I have besides that my wife Alyce brought unto me, so that she shall deliver the same to him that shall have my house in the highe streete. To each of my godchildren 12*d*. To John Chapplyn my wife's son, if it happen that Alyce my wife marry after my decease, £80. To Richard Stalinge my daughter's son a salt of silver, etc.; to George Stalinge my daughter's son the same; to John Underhaye, Alexander Underhaye, and Walter Underhaye my son's children £10 each to be paid by the hands of John Stalinge at such time as Mr. Bartylmewe Combe and my overseers shall appoint, out of my lands without the este gate of Tawnton which the said John Stalinge holdeth of my surrendor unto him according to the custom there. To Mr. Bartylmew Combe of Cannyngton £10. To Mr. Roger Hughysshe 40*s*. The residue to Alyce Underhaye my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Stalinge, John Chapplen and Roger Heughishe. I shall desyre Mr. Combe of Canyngton to be Umper and my specall staye to se this my will performed.

Witnesses: William Dovel, vicar of Mary Magdalen, John Stalinge, John Chapplen, John Davedge, John Perette and Roger Vyr.

Proved October 22nd, 1557.

1557. LEWES POPE.

[17 NOODES.]

August 23rd, 1557. Lewes Pope of Taunton, merchaunte, in London. All my moveable goods to be divided between my wife Joane and my children. Besides this, to my eldest son Robert all my lands and houses, my wife having the house I now dwell in, for her life. To the poor of Taunton, £10.

Executors: Symon Kelewaye, William Chaplen and John Pope.

Witnesses: William Chaplen, Simon Keylewey, William Leonard, William Wodroff, preest, Thomas Susowth, Thomas Pope.

Proved April 30th, 1558.

1557. JOHN BYSSE.

[30 WRASTLEY.]

John Bysse of Publow. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Publow. To each of my children which I have had by Julyan my wife, £40, that is James, John, Peter, Agnes, Margaret and Frances. Also I give to tenne persons as their names appear in a bill, to each of them a coteclothe of black Frese of myn own making. The residue to my wife (Julian), executrix.

Witnesses: John Pykes of Bristowe the elder, John Bysse the elder.

Proved August 25th, 1557.

1557. RICHARD JAMES.

[23 NOODES.]

August 25th, 1557. Richard James of Cowdworthe. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Cowdworthe to which church 4*d.* To my two daughters Julyan and Alyce 40*s.* each to be paid them at the age of 16 years. To Robert Idez my lether jerkyn and a payer of hoses. The residue to Johan my wife (executrix). If my wife do mary, she shall deliver the same into some honest man's hands to the use of my two daughters, as my frynde John Gunner shall think best.

Witnesses: Sir John Clawsy, curatt, John Gunner, John Hull.

Proved May 18th, 1558.

1557. JOAN HANNAM.

[18 WELLS.]

September 16th, 1557. Johane Hannam of Evercriche, widow. My body to be buried in the church of Evercriche. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Evercriche 20*s.* To Henrie Mayowe son and heir of John Maiowe of Bynton [Dinton] co. Wilts 6*s.* 8*d.*, and likewise to every child of any of my godchildren 6*s.* 8*d.* To every of my household servants 6*s.* 8*d.* To Mary Poytwyn 20*s.* To my daughter Alice wife of Richard Walton, my best payre of wheles and wayne which were given her by her grandfather. I will that my daughter Johanne wife of John Kaynes, Esquier, shall have my greatest salte of silver, six oxen, a wayne, sollowe and all manner of plough harnes, all the implements of and in the new parlour, the lyttle chamber and the hall, my great crocke, my great panne, the leade for brewing, two kechen broches and two andyrons and after her death the same shall remain to Mathewe Joyce her son and after his decease to Marye his sister and afterwards to the other children as shall please God that the said Jone my daughter shall then have or else to the children of the said Marye forever. All my cattalles and goodes upon my ferm of Cuttern to Elynor my daughter

wife of Richard Wattes for her life, and afterwards the said goodes and half the cattall to Alice my daughter now wife of Richard Walton if she overlive her sister Elynor, and the residue to such children of the said Elynor as the said Richard Wattes or Elynor shall appoint. To Margery my daughter wife of Thoms Brodribbe my second best salt of silver and a featherbed in the high chamber over the parlor. To Isabell my daughter wife of John a Barrowe my silver goblet and a featherbed lying in my own bed with the appurtenances. To every of my said daughters one payre of sheetes to be taken out of my great chest. To Henrye Mayowe, Raffe Mayowe, Mawde Maiowe and Alice Mayowe a silver spoon to each. The residue to my sons-in-law Mr. John Keynes, Esquier, Richard Wattes and Richard Walton (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Robert Brice, vicar of Everchriche, John Smyth of Hassellgrove and John Pepell.

Proved December 19th, 1558.

1557. JOHN BERDE.

[64 Noodes.]

September 30th, 1557. John Berde of Crukerne, draper. My body to be buried in the quyer of the parish church of Crukerne, to which church I bequeath my best gown. To St. Andrewe's church of Wells 8*d*. To my daughter Philip £10 at her marriage, my best cubbourde, my tablebourde, the fourme, the chest and the framed bedsteade, etc. To Robert my son, Anne my daughter, Thomas my son, Richard, John, Jasper and Roger my sons, £6 13*s*. 4*d*. each. To Richard my youngest son £6. To Isabell, my wife, my two leases of the first and second parsounages of Crukerne for the years yet to come. The residue to Isabell my wife (executrix). If she intend to marry, she shall put in sufficient surety for the payment of the said legacies or else pay them to my overseers to the use of the said children or to two honest persons at the discretion of the Archdeacon of Taunton.

Overseers: the foresaid Roger Roydon and Thomas Myller.

Witnesses: Sir William Sherewell, curate there, Thomas Smyth, James Riche, Robert Sherlock.

Proved October 29th, 1558.

1557. GUY HILL.

[53 WRASTLEY.]

October 2nd, 1557. Guye Hill of Crukerne. My body to christian burial. To the parish church of Cruckern 4*d.* To Thospitall of Sainct Barthilmewe of London 5*s.* To my surgeon 5*s.* To the hospiteler of the said hospitall 12*d.* To Mestres Fissher the mestres of thospitall 5*s.* To Mary Johnson suster of the said house who keapith me 12*d.* To every poore man within the Warde where I lye 2*d.* a peace. To Alice Lide of Dorchester £20 of my debts. To my godson Richard Birche 40*s.* To the reparacion of Blackwell Way 46*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Hawkyns son of Robert Hawkyns of Crukerne for the greate gentilnes that I have found in hym, the residue of my debts. To John Bawdon my second best coote and to George Michell my best hoosses.

The residue to my said frende Robert Hawkyns (executor).

Witnesses: Thomas Hawkins, Richard Basse, John Geploppe, Edward Graye, Steven Garlopp, Rose Fyssher, Mary Johnson.

Proved December 4th, 1557.

1557. JOHN BISSE.

[38 WRASTLEY.]

October 7th, 1557. John Bysse of Croscombe, clothiar. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Croscombe. To every poor house in Croscombe 4*d.* To each of my workemen 12*d.* I forgive my son-in-law Josephe Carter his rent due unto me. To my son Phillipp Bysse 21 wytes of wolle. To my daughter Denes 10 wytes of wolle. To John Bysse my son and Joane my daughter £100, the money to be in my wife's keeping until they be of lawful age. I give my land to Joane my wife for her life and then to Phillipp my son.

The residue to Joane my wife and James Bysse my son (executors).

Overseers: my brother Mr. James Bysse and my brother John Bysse.

Witnesses: Joseph Carter, John Nelles.

Proved October 21st, 1557.

1557. JOHN BUTT.

[49 NOODES.]

November 8th, 1557. John Butt of Iwruers. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Iwruers to which church 10*s*. To John Butt my son and Edythe my daughter, all my goods in the custody of the said John Butt at Broad Hemberye in Devonshire which ys rated to the sum of £13 13*s*. 4*d*. wherof the Lorde muste have hys heryeite and the rest to the said John and Edythe. To the said Edythe 10 wether shepe, a cowe in the custody of Wylmotte Phyllypes in the parish of Donkeswell, one cow at Armshall and one Truckell bedstead. To my daughter Elynor Butt 10 wether shepe and a cow in the custody of John Walron of Iwruers. To Trystram Mylborne one heffer yerlinge. To my son Thomas Butt a wayne and weales and harnes to the same for fower oxen. To Edythe one oxe which is with Thomas Tayllour. My household stuff after my wife's death to be divided between my five children. Item, a mayre and a coulte between my fower children, that is, John, Thomas, Elynor and Edythe.

The residue to Wyllmote my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Thomas Rygge, John Cholys, Thomas Symon and Richard Drake.

Proved September 16th, 1558.

1557. WILLIAM MUDFORDE.

[9 NOODES.]

November 11th, 1557. William Mudeford in the parish of Meritt. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Merrite. To the church of Meritte 20*d*. To the cathedral church of

Wells 6*d.* To Thomas my son my best fetherbed perfourmyd. To Philipp my daughter a cup. To Joane my daughter three silver spones. To Elisabeth a heffeyr calf. If my wife Willmotte marry again all those goods of my children to be put in the hands of my father-in-law Thomas Baker of Crukerne for their profit, and after his death to John Baker the elder.

The residue to Wilmote my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Thomas Baker.

Witnesses: Sir William Sherwill, preest, Roger Mudford, William Batte.

Proved February 17th, 1557.

1557. JOHN GOODMAN.

[9 Noodes.]

November 21st, 1557. John Goodman of the parish of Chard and in the peculier of Chard. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Chard. To the parish church of Chard 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Kipburye, curate there, 3*s.* 4*d.* To my father every year for four years 6*s.* 8*d.* To my sister Christian Dent 10*s.* To John Crocker 3*s.* 4*d.* To my brother John a payer of loomes. To Mary my sister a frocke and a peticote. To William Bull a lether doublett.

The residue to Johane Goodman, Emme Goodman, Agnes Goodman and Margery Goodman my four daughters (executrices).

Overseers: John Goodman my brother, William Symmes, William Downe and John Robyns.

Witnesses: Sir John Kilburye, Walter Gachell, John Goodman, Richard Downe, John Hooper, William Symes of Tatworth.

Proved February 17th, 1558.

1557. JOHN ORCHARD.

[9 Noodes.]

December 20th, 1557. John Orcheard of the peculier of Winsham. My body to be buried in holly grave with suche conveniable suffrages as a christian man ought to have. To

the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Wynsham [ ]. To Elisabeth my daughter £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, Agnes my daughter £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, Alice my daughter £15, at their marriages. To William Crowche my father-in-law, my gown of Frise. To Elisabeth Crowche my mother-in-law one ewe sheep. To Marks their son one other ewe sheep. To John Stevens my brother-in-law one sheep. To William Gouge my servant one baye colte. To Steven Payñ one shoting bowe. To William Hancocke the same. To William Whoundaller one pigge. To each of my sisters a sheep. To Margaret Hebbes a Crusadoo. To Agnes my daughter in recompense of a copp given her by one Margaret Bagwell, 33*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid by William Orcheard and therefore he to have, after the decease of Agnes his mother, my best goblett. To Agnes Hill a lamb. To the poor of Wynsham a sacke of wheate and one of rye.

The residue to Agnes my wife (executrix).

Overseers: William Hancocke, Steven Payñ, William Whoundaller and Marks Crowche.

Witnesses: William Hancocke, William Whoundaller, William Hooper. To Joane my daughter £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

Proved February 17th, 1557.

1557. THOMAS MARKESFEELD.

[9 Noodes.]

January 18th, 1557. Thomas Markesfeld of Clapton in the parish of Cruckern, husbandman. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Cruckern. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* To the high aulter there for tithes forgotten 20*d.* To the parish church of Cruckern 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Chapell of Wayford 2*s.* To the Chapell of Zeborowe 12*d.* To the three children of Clement Clerke 3 ewes. To the two children of John Rossetter 2 ewes. To Sir William Sherwill my gostly father 4*d.* I will that Clement Clerke and John Rossetter have all my lands in Netherhay co. Dorset in the parish of Brodewynsore. To John Rosseter 50*s.* that I lent to Thomas Bonvy, esquire. The residue to Edith Marxfild (executrix).

Proved February 17th, 1557.

1557. WILLIAM GARLAND.

[13 NOODES.]

February 1st, 1557. William Garlande of Dynynton. My body to be buried in the church of Dynynton, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* To Henry Garland 10 wethers and 10 ewes. To Thomas Swete a silver spone. To Elizabeth Garland 10 ewes and to Annes 10 ewes. To John Garland a silver spone. To Edmond Garland the same. To Peter Garland 10 ewes sheepe. To Thomas Sweete a sacke of Rye, a bushell of Isenhards and a hogeshed of Cydar. To Henry Garland the same. To Annes, Elizabeth and Peter Garlande three heickforthes yerelings. To Henry Garland a yereling steere. To Thomas Sweete's wife the same. To Thomas Swete's child an ewe.

Overseers: Thomas Janes and Thomas Swete. The residue to Edmounde Garland and John Garland my sons (executors).

Witnesses: Thomas James, Thomas Sweete, John Jones.

Proved March 26th, 1558.

1557. JOAN BYSSE.

[67 NOODES.]

1557. Jone Bysse of Trestocke, co. Somerset, widowe. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Tostocke. To Philipp Bysse my son a diaper bordeclothe. To Denyse my daughter a fyne Normandy bordeclothe, and to Jone a hollande bordeclothe and sixe napkyns. To Johan [ ] a bordeclothe of Morleys clothe. To James Bysse all the rest of my lynen and to Philipp Bysse a silver salte. The residue to James my son (executor).

Overseer: John Willes and Water Bother.

Proved November 3rd, 1558.

1558. JOHN LUTTERELL.

[55 NOODES.]

May 23rd, 1558. John Lutterell of Dunster, Esquier. My body to be buried in Our Ladye Chapell in the churche of Dunster. I will that Elisabeth my wife shall distribute among

the poor £4. To the cathedral church of Wells 20*d.* To my son George Lutterell the elder £40, 2 kyne and 20 shepe and to my son John Lutterell I do forgeve £40, 2 kyne and 20 sheepe. To George Lutterell the younger my son the same. My said sons to have the said £120 of my detts whereof the obligations lie in the hands of my cousen Hugh Stewkeley. Further, I will that my forsaid sons shall have between them the obligations that I have upon Sir Thomas Arundell, deceased. To my son Hugh Lutterell my best apparel, 6 oxen, 6 kyen, 50 wethers, 50 ewes, 2 fetherbeds and all my plate after the decease of Elisabeth my wife, on condition that he marry with Margaret Loghore my wife's daughter; if he refuse, the said Margaret shall have half my said plate to her preferment in marriage and my said wife the other half. But if my said son Hugh be pleased to marry the said Margaret Loghore and she refuse to marry with him, the said Hugh shall have all my plate and she shall have none. To my forsaid wife the lease that I have upon the Rectories of Dunster, Kilton and parcell of Mynehead and the scite of the Priorye of Dunster with all houses and edifices thereunto belonging during the terme that I have yet to come. To William Cooke a mare and a cow. The residue to Elizabeth my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Rice, clerk, William Everat, Alexander Veysy, Robert Gooche and Richard Gethin. I will my wife shall discharge John Giles and John William Bassett, gentilman, concerning a Bond of 1000 marks that they stand bound in with me and for me to Sir George Mathue, knight. To the fabric of Dunster church 20*s.*

Proved October 13th, 1558.

1558. THOMAS WYLLYS.

[32 NOODES.]

June 3rd, 1558. Thomas Willys, husbandman, of the parish of Nemnett. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Wynford. To the church of St. Andrewe of Wells 2*d.* To the free scole there 4*d.* To the churches of Winford and Nemnet a bushel of wheat, each. To the church of Butcombe half a bushel of wheat. To the poor of Winford and Nemnett 10*s.* To John

Edward and William Greye half a bushel of wheat each. To John Legate half a bushel of rye. To Thomas my son 2 oxen in the keeping of Katherine Willies. I bequeath all my debts and all my cattaill that is from home in other men's keeping, to my five unmarried children. To Joan Broke my daughter a shepe. The residue to Agnes my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Robert Kinge and John Busshe.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Kynge, curate of Nemnett, William Walles, John Busshe, Robert King and John Legate.

Proved July 8th, 1558.

1558. JOHN PHELPS.

[32 NOODES.]

June 19th, 1558. John Phelps of the borowe of Yevill, mercer. My body to be buried in the christian burial of Ivill. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of Ivill 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar there, 12*d.* To my servant John Whore 40*s.* To Dorothee and Christian my woman servants 20*s.* each. To Walter Phelps 20*s.* To William Sampson and Richard Phelps, my godsons, 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To John, Thomas, Mary and Margaret Phelps my sons and daughters £40 each at their marriages. To William Phelps my son my tenement called Forstreetis. To John Phelps my son and his heirs my tenement called Pynnys Bargayn and my tenement in Patlane in the tenure of William Wodiall, and for lack of heir, to Thomas Phelps my son, his brother. To Thomas Phelps my son my house called the Chauntrie House, all my title in a close of pasture called Pavittes Downe and in my mylne and mylne orcheards in Pittlane and Quidham Streete. To John Hacker the elder 10*s.*

Overseers: My brother John Warham, gentilman, and John Phelps my son. Executrix, Joan, my wife.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Graungier, clerk, parson of Hardington, Andrew Faustons, Philipp Hoskinnes and others of my neighbours at Yevill.

Proved July 6th, 1558.

1558. JOHN HEATHE.

[49 NOODES.]

August 14th, 1558. John Heathe of Mylton in the parish of St. Cuthbert in Wells. My body to be buried in the parish church aforesaid to which I bequeath 26*s.* 8*d.* To the vycar for tithes forgotten 10*s.* To the poor people of the Almouse house 24*s.* To the cathedral church of Wells 40*s.* To the grammer schoole £5. To the Reverend Father in God my singuler good Lorde the Busshopp of Bath and Wells tenne oulde angells. To Master Wyllyam Good, Scholemaster, 20*s* To John Barnard, my kinsman, being lame, 40*s.* To Wyllyam Absolon, Ussher, 20*s.* To the poor people of Wells 40*s.*, valyant, vacabond and strong sturdye baggers only excepted. Unto Detherell a cow. To Rauffe More my wife's kinsman the same. To Johan Willes the same. To William Dorsett my godson one crowne. To John Lane a cowe. To Sir John Turner my curate 2*s.* To John Clercke 12*d.* If Johane, my executors or assignes do receive upon my action against Mathewe Grene, the emoluments thereof shall return to the use of my executors. I will that Ede Sorell and Thomas Sorell beinge in mynor adge shalbe educated by my exõurs untyll they come to lawfull adge. To my Frend Thomas Mathewe who oweth me £40, £10 as soon as it be paid. The residue to Johan my wife and Rychard my son (executors).

Overseers: Master Thomas Jury, Canon of Wells, and Master Henry Clarcke.

Witnesses: Master Thomas Jury, Canon, Master Henry Clarcke, esquyer, William Absolon, John Lane, Thomas Atwell, Robert Heathe, William Dotherell and Henry Cary.

Proved September 30th, 1558.

1558. JOHN PALFREY *ALS.* LAWRENCE.

[64 NOODES.]

August 21st, 1558. John Palfrey *als.* Lauraunce of Horton in the parish of Ilmyster. My body to be buried in the church of Ilmyster, to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar 3*s.* 4*d.* I will have a preest sing for my soul, my friends and all christian

souls one whole year and to have peny dole geven at my burying. To William Philips 8*d.* To the children of Thomas Lauraunce and Julian as follows:—to John Lauraunce their eldest son and to John Lauraunce the younger son, £10 each, to Joanne Lauraunce their eldest daughter £10, and to Elizabeth, Dorothee and Margaret Lauraunce their daughters £10 each, to be delivered to each at their marriage. The residue to Joane my wife and Thomas my son (executors).

Witnesses: Richard Betty, vicar, John Wolmyngton and Robert Hunderhaye.

Proved October 29th, 1558.

1558. ROBERT LUMBARD.

[61 NOODES.]

August 30th, 1558. Robert Lumbarde of Winterhay, of the parish and peculier of Ilmyster. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Helington. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Ilmyster 20*d.* To the church of Chellington 12*d.* To the parish church of Codworthe 12*d.* To Elizabeth my daughter £10, Agnes my daughter £10, Johane my daughter £10, at their marriage or at the age of 18 years; the said £30 remaining in the hands of my overseers my brother in law Robert Piers and John Drewe. To each of my godchildren 2*d.* To my father my best cote. To my brother William my fryse cote. The residue to Loore my wife (executrix).

Witnesses; Robert Lumbard of Chillington, William Wilkins, and John Membrye.

Proved October 22nd, 1558.

1558. THOMAS ASSHE.

[64 NOODES.]

September 12th, 1558. Thomas Ashe of Batcomb, cloathe maker. My body to be buried in the church of Batcombe. To St. Andrewe's church of Wells 12*d.* To the hiegh crosse light of Batcombe 12*d.* To the church of Batcombe 20*s.* To the

torche light of Batcombe 12*d.* To John Ashe my son 12 penny hew clothes. To my daughter Joane 100 marks. To Christian the elder, my daughter, the same. To Christian the younger, my daughter, the same. To Annes Bysy £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Philip Bysy my son in law and his wife £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To their sons John the elder and John the younger £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Agnes Hayes 20*s.*, Joane Hayes 20*s.*, John Haies 20*s.* To Thomas Newman, Water Hayes, John Carpinter, John Baker, Water Figgur and John Morgan, 20*s.* each. To Elizabeth Gifford 6*s.* 8*d.* Overseers: John Ashe my son and Philipp Bisse. To Thomas, my son, my land in Batcomb and in Mapowder co. Dors. The residue to John Bisse of Stoke Sainct Michaell and John Dyar of Wyncanton, gentleman, governors of my son Thomas until he come to the age of 21 years, when they shall deliver to him all such goods as shall come into their hands, with the issues and profits of all such bargayns as they have received. Executor: my said son Thomas; if he die before the forsaid age, the said governors shall deliver all goods and profits unto all my children then alive equally.

Witnesses: John Gollar, curate, Richard Miller and Philipp Biss.

Proved October 29th, 1558.

1558. WILLIAM LUMBARD.

[61 NOODES.]

September 17th, 1558. William Lumbard of Chaftcombe. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Chalscomb. To the same church to be prayed for 3*s.* 4*d.* To the mother church of Wells, 8*d.* To my godson William Capon 20*d.* To my godson William Owseley 4*d.* To my wife's daughters Joanne and Edith 40*s.* each besides their own father's bequest. To my goostelie father Sir Thomas Eliott 12*d.* To my daughter Marye my wayne. The residue to Alice my wife and to Mary my daughter when she is 18 years of age (executrices).

Overseers: John Drue and Joane North.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Eliott, preest, John North and John Drue.

Proved October 22nd, 1558.

1558. WILLIAM LONGE.

[77 NOODES.]

September 28th, 1558. William Longe of Bekyngton. My body to be buried in the parish church where I die, to which church 20*s.* To Elizabeth my wife 1,000 marks to be paid of 30 fyne clothes when they be sold and the residue to be paid of the debt that my cousin Henry Fyner, merchant of London, oweth me. To my two sons all my plate. To William Longe my son £500 and the lease of my house at Semyngton; my son Thomas to have the said lease until William shall be of the age of 23 years. To each of my four daughters £200. My wife to have the keeping of Margerye my youngest daughter and of her bequest. To Margarett Taylor, my daughter in law, 100 marks. To every poor household in the parishes of Bekyngton, Roode, Thrum [Frome], Lullyngton and Barkley 12*d.* To every manservant that I have 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Payne and Richard Jurdeyne £5 each. To every woman servant in my house 5*s.* To Besse Norres and Katheryn, my servants, 5 marks each. To John Stone of Letcombe Regis 5 marks. To Augustyne Stone son of John Stone, the same. To the wife of the said John Stone a black kyrtell. To my hoost Garrett of Wantage 20*s.* To the litle mayde there for her paynes taken with me, 20*s.* at her marriage. To the pore woman servant in my host's house at Wantage 10*s.* The residue to Thomas my son (executor). Overseers: John Rowse, gentleman, Thomas Longe, Christofer Baylie and Henry Longe. To Robert Custulo my man 40*s.* a year. To Robert Seman of Wantage for wrytinge of my will 20*s.* To my pore kynneswoman Cecely 26*s.* 8*d.* a yere. To John Ball in Roode the house that he dwellith in for his life and after his death I give it to Joseph my servant at Semyngton.

Witnesses: William Wyrdman, Thomas Wyxe, William Watts, William Garret of Wantage, John Stone of Letcombe Regis, Robert Seman.

Proved November 17th, 1558.

1558. JOHN GARDNAR.

[3 WELLS.]

October 2nd, 1558. John Gardnar of Hasilbar̃ co. Somerset Tanner. My body to be buried in the christian (*sic*) of Haselbare. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Hasilbare 20*d.* To William my son three tanne vattes and £5. To my sons John the elder and John the younger and Richard £5 each. To my son Walter the elder £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, my son Walter the younger £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and 4 tanne vattes. To my daughter Deanes £5, my daughters Clement and Joane Whitynall one yearling apiece. To Walter Whitnyall and John Whittinall 5 marks each if they continue (to) serve and dwell with Agnes my wife until they shall be 18 years of age. To Agnes my wife my furnesse mylle and trowes for her life and afterwards they shall remain to such of my said sons as my house that I now dwell in shall come unto. The residue to Agnes my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Shackle, vicar of Hasilburye my goostly father, William Rawelles, William Androwes, John Petteyn, and John Jay the younger.

Proved December 1st, 1558.

1558. TRISTRAM NEWMAN.

[66 NOODES.]

October 12th, 1558. Tristram Newman of Trente. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Trente. To St. Andrewe's church of Wells 12*d.* To my parish church a cow and 20 bushels of rye. To the hye crosse light of my parish church 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Chapell of Adbery within Trent 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish churches of Modeforde, Chilton, Brodemerston, Rympton, Samforde, Nethercompton and Overcompton 6*s.* 8*d.* to each. To the priest that shall bury me 2*s.* To every priest present at my burial 12*d.* apiece, every clerk 8*d.*, and to every man that shall ring my monthes mynde 8*d.* To my servant John Myltone 2 oxen. To Trystram Mowre my servant an oxe, 2 steres of the twelve monthe yeare and a payre of iron bonde wheles. To William

Skelling my lade a noxe. To my ladde John a heyfer. To my mayde Jone Noke a heyfer. To my servant Agnes Whorwelles a cow. To my servant Jesbel Clege a cow. To my servant Eme Addams a sacke of rye, a sacke of drege malte and 3*s.* 4*d.* To Tristram Newman son of Thomas Newman the younger an iron bonde weane. To Jone Newman daughter of the said Thomas a yereling. To every child of John Mathewe of Uppmondford 5 sheep. To John Edwardes a black heyfer that I bought of Robert Edwardes his father. To Anne Baker a petycote of my best white and another of the worst. To Robert Barbar's wife of Yevell and to his daughter Margarete, 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To my goddaughter, being Mr. Peramse daughter of Rympton a wayte of flece wull and to my goddaughter Mr. Thomas Jerords' daughter of Chilton, the same. To Jone Ymmans of Rymptone 20*s.* To Mr. Henry Symbers' children 40*s.* Bequests of bushels of malt and rye to Walter Courtise of Trent, John Pennye, John Stoker, John Milborne, Robert Mylbourne, Richard Mylbourne, John Legge, William Buckyngham, Elynor Buckyngham, Nicholas Addams, William Hepdyche, Tristram Deffett, William Hopkyns, Vyncent Garmeway, Jone Garmeway the elder, Edward Howrcowe, Edith Tommes, William Combe, John Browne, Tristrame Garmewaye, Anne Dowrdowe, John Adams, John Dwedny the elder and Jone Close his daughter, Robert Dwedny, John Goodsone, and Henry Emansse. To Thomas Milbourne one bushell of rye and the keping of a heyfer until holyroode day next coming. To Robert Edwardes 2 bushels of rye and a fryse cote. To Cristian Hervy 2 bushels of rye and malte and six pounds of course wooll. To John Socke a black cowe being with William Browne of Pyneforde. To my son-in-law John Clothere and Jone his wife my two leases, the one called Vreke Brigge and the other xij acres after the decease of my wife Johanne, and after their death the same to remain to John Clothere their son.

The residue to Jone my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Master William Jerarde, Esquyer, Master Henry Symberbe and Master Thomas Jerarde.

Witnesses: Mr. William Jerard, Esquyer, Syr Robert Elyott, parson, John Smythe, William Hepdyche.

Proved November 2nd, 1558.

1558. ROBERT PARYS.

[67 NOODES.]

March 10th, 1558. Robert Parys of Charde. My body to christian burial. To St. Andrewe's church in Wells 4*d.* To Chard church 6*s.* 8*d.* To benot Newtons howse 8*d.* To Margerye Budges howse 8*d.* To Hamlyns howse 8*d.* To Woddams howse 8*d.* To Robert Chobbes howse 8*d.* To Margerye my daughter £50, etc., and to Mawde my daughter £50, etc., which were their uncle's gift, and which I have delivered into the custody of my father John Sellowde, to be delivered with the advice of John Acourt and Roger Cosyns at their marriage; but if they both die I bequeath of the said money to the church of Charde and to the building of an Almesse howse £10, among my daughter's children £20 and the residue to my daughter Margaret, or, if she die, to my wife. To Ede Cosyns my daughter a black mare. To Eme Downynge my litle bay mare. To Agnes Hayball's children 20 sheep. To Isabel Hayball a payre of black beades. To William Hayball my godson, a cow. To Robert Jaunce my man a sheep. To my brother Thomas my next best gowne and a sacke of malte. To Walter Gachill 3*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas Wyett a sheep. To Anne my wife, my burgage at Charde and after her death the same to remain to Margaret my daughter.

The residue to Anne my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Selowoode, John Acourt, Roger Cosyn and William Pysse my brother.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Helett my curate, Walter Gachill, John Warry, and Ames Walter, and Robert Chubb.

Proved November 5th, 1558.

[Will and Sentence, 1571, at fo. 28 Holney.]

1558. WILLIAM BRAYNE.

[61 NOODES.]

March 23rd, 1558. William Brayne of Croukerne. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Saincte Barthilmew abovesaid.

To the church of Wells 4*d.* To the high aulter of Crockerne a weather. To James my son 12*d.* To my daughter Ellener 12*d.* To Thomasyn 12*d.* To Alice 12*d.* To Joane 12*d.*

The residue to Alice my wife and John my son (executors).

Witnesses: Sir John Sharlocke, Richard Haning, William Webbe.

Proved October 22nd, 1558,

[On filed will is an act of Probate in Archdn. Court of Taunton, April 28th, 1558.]

NOTES.

N.E.D. = *New English Dictionary* (Murray).
S.R.S. = Somerset Record Society.

PAGE.	LINE.	
1	4	Bordelsaunder, a kind of striped silk made at Alexandria. (*N.E.D.*)
1	15	Sarge, serge, a sieve.
1	23	de card, carde, some fabric anciently used for canopies, curtains and linings (*N.E.D.*), see also *carda* (*Draper's Dictionary*).
2	7	basilard, a species of dagger or hanger, usually worn at the girdle. (*N.E.D.*)
2	22	R. Workington instituted to E. Brent, May 24, 1484. *Somerset Incumbents*, 33.
3	1	W. Cousyn, Dean of Wells, 1498–1525.
3	20	my lorde of Bathe. Bp. Oliver King, *S.R.S.*, 19, 45.
3	22	the Archdeacon. Thomas Beaumont, died 1507, *S.R.S.*, 19, 111.
4	16	R. Wolman, Dean of Wells, 1530–7, he was succeeded by Thomas Cromwell.
4	23	lockeram, a cheap kind of linen (Shakspere, *Cor.* II. 1, 225).
5	8	Mr. Wm. Knight, afterwards Bp. of Bath and Wells, his will is given on p. 97.
5	10	a little diamond pointed. "my ring with the best pointed diamond, *Test. Vet.* 743. Stones may be pointed naturally or artificially (Streeter's *Precious Stones and Gems*, 6th Ed. p. 31).
5	20	a Ribben, cf. Ribband Agate and Ribband Jasper. The former exhibits *strata* or layers of different colours which play one into the other (*ibid.* p. 236.)
6	10	salter of Our Lady. "Psalterium Marie" was the work of Cardinal Bonaventure: it passed through 28 Editions between 1476 and 1823.
9	18	St. Rosmi probably for St. Erasmi.
9	18	St. Wolfrygs shryne. This celebrated hermit of Haselbury lived about 1146 (Collinson ii, 331).
9	37	trendells, a brewer's cooler. *West.* (*Wright's Provincial Dictionary.*)

PAGE.	LINE.	
11	18	Maister Bekington. John Beckington, monk of Bath received a pension of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and was still living in 1556. The date of Pole's Pension Book is 24 Feb. 1555–6. (*Archbold's Religious Houses*, 145.)
11	19	cosynar, Fr. *cuisinier*, the member of a priory having superintendence of the kitchen. (*N.E.D.* and *Wells Wills*, 162.)
11	21	buckerham. This textile was originally manufactured at Bokhara and was a fine and costly stuff. The material now known as *buckram* is a coarse linen or cotton cloth stiffened with glue. (*Caulfield and Saward's Dictionary of Needlework.*)
14	25	St. Jophe. St. Joseph of Glastonbury (*S.R.S.* xix) 48, for other pilgrimages, see *S.R.S.* xvi, 201, 226, 268, xix, 30, 173.
14	29	Strond Yn. Strand Inn (or Chester Inn from its being near the Bp. of Chester's house) was taken down *temp.* Edward VI. by the Duke of Somerset for building his palace: it occupied part of the site of the present Somerset House. *Curiosities of London*, by John Timbs, F.S.A., 1867, p. 475.
16	11	puke, a dark colour between russet and black. (*Century Dictionary.*)
19	17	John Fitzjames, son of Sir John Fitzjames, Lord Chief Justice, whose will is at p. 48.
20	20	chamlet, camlet, a costly fabric: it is uncertain whether it was ever made of camel's hair, but in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it was made of the hair of the Angora goat. (*N.E.D.*)
20	22	tabulment, a pedestal supporting a *tabula* in which relics were kept. (See Ducange, *Tabulamentum.*)
21	33	pestilence, see *Preface.*
22	34	artor, arder, a kind of fish. Richard Verstegan to Sir Robert Cotton. "I send you heerwith the toung of a fish, which tyme hath converted into stone . . . the fish is called an Arder, these tounges are found in clay that is heer abouts digged for the making of pottes; but the fish is not found nearer unto Brabant then the isles of Zealand." From Antwerp, June 15th, 1609. Letters of Eminent Literary Men. (Sir Henry Ellis.) Camden Society, 23, p. 108.
23	7	my white saveyere. Sapphires are sometimes pure white. (Streeter's *Precious Stones and Gems*, 6th Ed., p. 180.)
23	13	Begonia. Begona, ville de la province de Biscaye in Spain four or five kilometres N.E. of Bilbao. 3,800 inhabitants. (*Nouveau Dict. Geog. Universelle*, par V. de St. Martin.)
23	22	W. Witherton, Vicar of Stoke-Courcy.
24	9	Comyner. This word is not in *N.E.D.*, communarius, canonicus seu alius qui *communia* vel *communias* aliis canonicis distribuebat. vide communia (*Mon. Angl.*) (Ducange).

PAGE.	LINE.	
25	7	briganders. Brigandines were the pieces of armour riveted and jointed for the arms and thighs made of steel and lined with silk or velvet. (*Test. Vet.* xxxii.)
25	8	Spilte for splint, plates in armour which lapped over each other and protected the inside of the arm. (*Wright's Provincial Dict.*)
25	11	a powder pece, powder box of silver either (1) for perfumed powder, much used for clothes or (2) a caster or pepper-box. (*Bury Wills*, Camden Soc., p. 239.)
25	26	with a geórge, probably the figure of St. George "1709, having on them the image of St. George, they were called George-rings." (*N.E.D.*)
26	12	picture in lattyn.. Brass figures for tombs were manufactured in the Netherlands and imported here. They were of all sorts and sizes and suitable to the rank of each person to be represented; they were called "pictures of brass." (*Test. Vet.* xxxviii.)
26	13	cognysaunce, a device or mark by which a person, company, etc., is known or distinguished; as a crest, heraldic bearing, coat of arms, etc., a badge, specially in *Heraldry* a device or emblem borne for distinction by all the retainers of a noble house whether they bore arms or not. (*N.E.D.*)
26	23	gleithis, *sic* MS. probably for gleivis, glaives, *i.e.* swords. (*N.E.D.*)
27	27	bullis, bulla, a ball, Fr. *boule* (Ducange).
29	21	John Tryvet instituted Rector of Butleigh, May 13th, 1523. (*Somerset Incumbents* 39.)
30	10	The students of Glastonbury (at Oxford). The Oxford students from Glastonbury went to Gloucester College. "This was originally a college for the monks of St. Peter's Abbey, Gloucester, but about 1290 it was enlarged, and became a joint college for several of the principal Benedictine Abbeys. It occupied the site of the present Worcester College, and on the old staircases there are still to be seen the arms of the principal Benedictine monasteries showing where each set of students lived." Wood's *City of Oxford O.H.S.* xvii, 255. These have now nearly all disappeared; an account of what does remain is given in *Daniel and Barker's History of Worcester College* (College Histories) pp. 29–35, but in July, 1905, I was fortunate enough to discover the arms of Glastonbury Abbey built into the back of the outside wall of the present kitchen, defaced, but still clearly recognizable. It is described in the above book (p. 35) as a shield bearing a cross bottony, a rose (?) in the dexter chief: but to any one who has seen the Glastonbury Abbey coat, it is obvious that it is not a rose, but a weather-worn image of the B.V.M. and Holy Child.

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30	32	house of Horwell, a cell to the Cistercian Abbey of Stonelegh in Warwickshire.
31	36	culverhouses, a pigeon house, a dovecot. (*N.E.D.*)
33	16	John Algar instituted rector of W. Bagborough, June 19th, 1516. (*Somerset Incumbents*, 312.)
34	34	gownecloth, a piece of material to make a gown. (*N.E.D.*)
35	14	ware clothes. Probably cloth made at Ware.
35	33	Our Ladie of Pittye. An Image of B.V.M., represented as weeping over the dead Christ with His head on her lap. (Rock's *Church of our Fathers*, III, 271.)
36	28	fulling mill, a mill in which cloth is fulled or milled by being beaten with wooden mallets, which are let fall upon it, and cleansed with soap or fuller's earth. (*N.E.D.*)
36	28	*sigillum pannorum.* The seal or stamp on the cloth.
37	4	Rowlands. This fine old house in the parish of Ashill still stands (*see* Collinson, i, 10).
37	5	Gownyngham's Ile. The family of Goundenham is mentioned, *S.R.S.*, xvi, 19; and xix, 310.
37	19	a fyne (or recovery, p. 41), the compromise of a fictitious suit for the possession of lands formerly in use when the ordinary modes were not available. See *S.R.S. Feet of Fines*, vol. vi (Introduction).
38	10, 12	Secundario meo . . . annuellar. An "annuellar" was a priest who sang anniversary masses. Secondaries were clerks of an inferior grade to the annuellars. Mr. Hingeston-Randolph kindly wrote me a letter in 1890 in which he says: "There were 12 secondaries in Exeter Cathedral, they and the annuellars occupied the second form or rank; they were *clerici secunde forme*, and were always or nearly always in orders below that of priest. When Grandison visited the cathedral he took the names of *all* from the Dean downwards, and they are recorded in his register. No secondary was then in priest's orders, there are a few deacons and subdeacons, the rest in minor orders." Walter Trote, Canon of Exeter, in his will (dated November 4th, 1399) left to every Annuellar priest 6*d.*, to each of the Secondaries and to each chorister in like manner 3*d.* *Stafford's Register*, p. 381.
39	2	Burton Lazars (Leic.) . . . Bridport.
39	30	John Nase. As prebendary of St. Decuman's he presented to that church in 1530 (*Somerset Incumbents*, 355). He was evidently a private chaplain to John Clerk, Bishop of Bath and Wells. He had rooms in Bath Place, London, in the palace of Wells, and in the Bishop's mansions at Chew and Banwell.
41	19	the first lavatory, see *S.R.S.*, XIX, p. xxi.
42	26	hecfords. *N.E.D.* gives this as one of the many forms of the word *heifer*.

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43	4	the vantage, and line 21, the increse, both mean the value of the bequest, including the offspring of the animals.
43	6	this plague (see *Preface*).
43	23	a valowe heyffer : fallow, of a pale brownish or reddish colour. (*N.E.D.*)
45	14	Recle, St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol.
45	30	sollers. Soler, a garret (*Wright's Provincial Dictionary*), and see p. 111.
47	20	Thomas Starkey. A good account of this testator is given in Dr. Macray's *Register of Magdalen College, Oxford*, New Series, i, 156. He was Fellow of Magdalen, and was appointed a proctor by Wolsey in 1522.
49	29	Apetrull, see *S.R.S.*, xix, 144.
49	33	my Lorde of London. Richard FitzJames, Bishop of London, 1506–22, who, with his nephew (the testator) and Dr. John Edmunds, were the founders of Bruton School in 1519 : that is the year in which they bestowed estates upon the school, but the school was in existence at least as early as 1506, and probably long before, in connection with the priory there. See *S.R.S.*, XIX, p. xxiii.
50	3	discontynue, to alien land in such a manner as operates to the "discontinuance" of the heir in tail. (*N.E.D.*)
51	14	trangers, *i.e.*, trenchers.
51	22	John Walgrave was rector of Odcombe, 1534–41.
52	29	my occupation, evidently that of a tallow-chandler.
54	28	six poull of pewter vessell, *i.e.*, half a *garnish* ; this word is to be found at pp. 67 and 76. Harrison, *England*, III, xi (1878 ; II, 72), writes, "such furniture of household of this mettall [pewter] as we commonly call by the name of vessell is sold usuallie by the garnish, which doeth containe 12 platters, 12 dishes, 12 saucers." (*N.E.D.*)
57	6	principal lights (see *Preface*).
57	11	right satyn. In the *Ledger of A. Halyburton* (1492–1503) etc., 1867, p. 327, among Customs of Merchandise, 1612, we find "satyne in grane or ryght crymosin, the eln ix *li.*"
59	37	furst fifteene, *i.e.*, fifteenth, a tax on personal property frequently levied by Henry VIII. See *Devon. N. and Q.*, III, vii, 220.
61	16	John Clerk, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1523–41. The *Dictionary of National Biography* says that the Bishop (who was sent by the King on the Cleves Legation) got over his illness sufficiently to be moved to London, where he died. "In 1540 when returning from an embassy to the Duke of Cleves, he fell sick at Dunkirk, it was thought from poison. Believing himself about to die, he directed that he should be buried in the church of Notre Dame at Calais. However he lived to return to England, and died 3 Jan., 1541, and was buried at St. Botolph's, Aldgate." (W. H. in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*) But the

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will of his servant, Joyce Sturgen (p. 64), seems to imply that he died abroad. "They also shall receive my wages and board wages with the bequest that my master the Bishop of Bath gave unto me as he dyde, my Company being beyonde See with him."

61 35 amell, now superseded by the compound word *en-amel*. *N.E.D.* gives examples of this word ranging from 1340 to 1819. At p. 86 it is spelt *animell*.

63 2 my callyd mare, "a horse with a star in its forehead," see *cale* (*N.E.D.*). "A calde mare" occurs in the will of R. Hambryge, 1542 (from the Editor's MS. collection of wills in the Wells District Probate Registry).

63 31 burrall : beryl, a fine description of crystal. (*N.E.D.*)

63 32 Danşse : *i.e.*, Danish, see *N.E.D.*, which gives the forms *Denshe* and *Danshe*.

65 10 Hugh Veysie : he was Vicar of Pucklechurch, co. Glos., a benefice still in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Wells.

66 1 Thomas Chard : the testator was Prior of Montacute and Bishop of Selymbria in Thrace. He is a distinct person from his namesake, the last abbot of Ford. See *S.A.S. Proc.*, XXXVII, ii, 11 ; XLII, ii, 67.

66 21 Dr. Peter : William Petre was one of the commissioners who received the surrender of the monasteries.

67 19 demyè : short for demiceint, a girdle having ornamental work only in front. "1524, a demysent with a cheyne." (*N.E.D.*)

68 20 gardyd : ornamented as with lace, braid, embroidery, etc., trimmed. (*N.E.D.*)

70 30 North-weston : *i.e.*, Weston in Gordano (Collinson, III, 171).

71 16 Tho. West, instituted rector of Chelworth, September 20th, 1494. *Somerset Incumbents*, 251.

72 18 brand yron, a kitchen utensil, commonly a gridiron, but the name is transferred to other articles as andirons, a trivet, etc. (*N.E.D.*)

73 15 J. Southwood, was vicar of Martock. (*Somerset Incumbents*, 140.)

75 25 a trucker cloth, I cannot find this word in any dictionary, it occurs again, p. 34.

76 14 Crown light. *Coronae* were lustres of a circular form and with candles set round them. They hung from the roof and were frequently in stages representing a crown. Hart's *Eccles. Records*, 2d. Edn. 240.

76 15 cloth ymperiall. A textile fabric in use in the Middle Ages with figures woven in gold, apparently so called as being made at Constantinople. (*N.E.D.*)

77 4 The official index gives Sudbury, Suffolk.

80 12 the image of All Saintes. It is not exactly known what this was like. Hart's *Eccles. Records* (1846), p. 243, says that "an *Allhallows* was a picture or a sculptured representation of all the Saints."

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82	28	my daughter Jone late at Buckelande. Jone Hill received a pension of £4 per annum from the dissolved nunnery of Buckland, and was still living February 24th, 1555-6, the date of Pole's Pension book. Archbold, 149.
85	19	fierboote and ploughboote. The right of a tenant to take fire-wood from off the landlord's estate, similarly wood for mending ploughs. (*N.E.D.*)
85	24	Sandpit in the parish of Broadwindsor, Dorset.
86	6	The testatrix was daughter of Sir Humphry Coningsby (see *Clutterbuck's Herts*, i, 444). She married first, Sir Richard Berkeley of Stoke Gifford, Glos., who died in 1514, and secondly, Sir John FitzJames, Lord Chief Justice. She was the mother of Sir Maurice Berkeley to whom Henry VIII. granted the site of Bruton Abbey.
86	28	Dolphyn and Conysse. The arms of the FitzJames and Coningsby families.
87	29	Foskewe, *i.e.*, Fortescue.
88	9	Maliadus, strictly Maliades, a plural, denoting nymphs who protected the fruit. [μῆλον, an apple.] Theocritus i. 22. Sophocles Philoc. 725.
88	16	chapel on the bridge in London. "Besides the private houses there were some other erections which might be considered as forming properly a part of London Bridge. Of these the most famous was a chapel dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket." *London*, by Charles Knight (1841), I, 81.
90	33	paul, a robe, cloak or mantle of rich stuff. (*N.E.D.*)
92	4	Brodwey. There are parishes of this name in Somerset, Dorset and Worcestershire. This is probably Broadway, Dorset.
93	30	parrocke. An enclosed place, a paddock. (*N.E.D.*)
93	35	pelstoues, probably for peltoues, *i.e.*, pillow-tows or pillow-cases.
97	9	Wm. Knight, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1541-7.
98	29	anticke. Antic was not developed from *antique*, but was a distinct use of the word from its first introduction; it means grotesque in composition or shape (*N.E.D.*). See *Test. Vet.*, 715.
99	32	common box of the church of Langford (see *Preface*). Injunctions 1 Ed. VI. (Wilkins' *Concilia*, IV, 7.) 1547. Also they shall provide and have within three months after this visitation a strong chest, with a hole in the upper part thereof to be provided at the cost and charge of the parish, having three keys, whereof one shall remain in the custody of the parson, vicar or curate, and the other two in the custody of the churchwardens, which chest you shall set and fasten near unto the high altar, to the intent the parishioners should put into it their oblation and alms for their poor neighbours; and the parson shall from time to time exhort them to give to the said chest, declaring unto them that whereas heretofore they

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have been diligent to bestow much substance otherwise than God commanded upon pardons, pilgrimages, trentalles, decking of images, offering of candles, giving to friers and upon other like blind devotions, they ought at this time to be much more ready to help the poor and needy, etc.

Injunctions given by the most excellent prince Edward VI. by the grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, and in earth under Christ of the Church of England and Ireland, the supreme head. To all and singular his loving subjects, as well of the clergy as of the laity.

102 6 my daughter Clynton. Ursula, daughter of Wm. Lord Stourton, married as his second wife Edward, ninth Baron Clinton (1512–1585), first Earl of Lincoln, and was the mother of Edward, tenth Baron Clinton (died 1616).

102 7 my daughter Brent. Dorothy, daughter of Wm. Lord Stourton, married William Brent, of Cossington, Esq., Collinson, III, 436, but according to *Test. Vet.* 729, she married Sir Richard Brent.

102 13 garnel, a granary or barn. (*N.E.D.*)

106 29 Stoocke, stook, a style under which water is discharged (Somerset). (*Wright's Provincial Dict.*)

107 32 virgynalls, a sort of spinnet (*ibid.*).

108 14 curtall, a horse with its tale cut short or docked, sometimes the ears cropped. (*N.E.D.*)

110 32 doweltes. Dowell, a wooden pin.

111 9 Almeshouse at Westover, the leper hospital near Langport (see *Preface*).

111 21 a neythe, *i.e.*, an eythe, a harrow. (*N.E.D.*) The word occurs again at p. 140.

111 23 a dust bedde. A dust bed is a chaff bed. The first of these words is not in *N.E.D.* but dust = chaff. ("1552 dust of corne.") Chaffbed, a bed stuffed with chaff instead of feathers. (*N.E.D.* under *chaff* and *dust.*)

112 3 H. Androwe. Referred to in "sentence" as Henry Androwe *alias* Frye.

113 15 collynge horses. This word is not in *N.E.D.*

113 19 nithe. See *Wiltshire Collections* (Aubray and Jackson) p. 194, for a similar field name.

114 1 Caffa, a rich silk cloth, similar to damask, much used in the sixteenth century. (*N.E.D.*)

115 25 A sortting clothe. Made in the eastern counties. (*Wright's Provincial Dictionary.*)

116 31 Sergeants or serjeants ring. A ring which an English serjeant-at-law presented on the occasion of his "taking the coif" or assuming the rank of serjeant. The custom seems to have

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		existed since the fourteenth century. The rings were presented to the eminent persons who might be present, their value differing greatly: thus in 1429, Sir John Fortescue mentions the most costly rings as being given to any prince, duke, or archbishop and to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer of England, rings of less value to earls, bishops, and certain officials, of less value again to Members of Parliament and so on. (*Century Dictionary.*)
117	37	fyfte=fifth, cf. fifteene, p. 59.
120	14	helen, halling, tapestry or painted cloth for the walls of a hall. (*N.E.D.*)
121	29	Slayes, slay, sley, a weaver's reed. (*Worcester's Dictionary.*)
126	14	my sore gossehawke, goshawk, a large shortwinged hawk (*N.E.D.*); sore, Fr. *saure*, *sor.* sorrell, reddish, both bird and beast are so called from their colour— 1. A hawk of the first year. 2. A buck of the fourth year.
127	12	writing dex of Sipers, *i.e.*, made of cypress wood, "1474, my wryghtyng box of sypress." (*N.E.D.*)
128	7	A. Barqueley, Vicar of Much Badow from 1546, see Holmes's *History of Wookey*, p. 97, and Wright's *History of Essex*, I, 117.
131	11	Murnney, a mistake for Nunney.
131	23	gentishe, probably for Kentish. 1566. Act of 8 Eliz. c. 6, § 2, "anye clothe commonly called Kentyshe clothe." (*N.E.D.*)
134	7	Deannes, Dionisia in Probate clause.
138	12	when the great preste was payde: this probably refers to a sum of money paid in lieu of service, when a great "press" was made in the country.
138	26	portaguys and crasadoos, portague, a gold coin of Portugal, current in the sixteenth century (*Century Dictionary*) crusado, a Portuguese coin, bearing the figure of a cross. (*N.E.D.*)
140	19	extree, an axletree, cp. Wyclif's Translation of Ecclus. xxxiii, 5, where occurs axtre (in Purvey extre) *ex* is the A.S. *eax*, an axle. *Tre* is a piece of wood, not a living tree. (Obedientiary Rolls of St. Swithin, Winchester, Hampshire Record Society.)
142	5	Herberde. Herbert in Probate clause.
142	9	trussing cofer, a chest for travelling, from *truss*, to pack in a bundle. (*Century Dictionary.*)
142	18	Wm. Karre, his will is given in *Brown's Somerset Wills*, 1st Series, 19: he bought Worspring in 8 Eliz. *Rutter's Somerset*, 60.
142	24	third foote of the house. Foot of a fine "one of the parts of a tripartite indenture, recording the particulars of a fine, remained with the court, the other two being retained by the parties." (*N.E.D.*)

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144	1	The Priory of St. Nicholas, Exeter, was Impropriator of Netherex Chapel.
145	34	earedishe, with ears, "1434, a little panne of brasse yered." (*N.E.D.*)
147	28	trapper . . . tonke: trapper, the housing and defensive armour of a horse (*Century Dictionary*) tonke, possibly the tongue of a buckle sometimes called *tang*.
147	29	morreyn, a handgun (not in *N.E.D.*), "1571. Item there was payd for a gon wother wysse callyd a moryng, vj^{s}. viij^{d}." *Morebath Churchwardens' Accounts*, Exeter, Commin, 1904, p. 240.
147	30	shanfreyn, chamfrain, the frontlet of an armed horse. (*N.E.D.*)
147	34	cameue, an early form of *cameo*. (*N.E.D.*)
149	20	St. Dominick, nine miles from Saltash in Cornwall.
151	4	cruesse, cruse, a small vessel for wine, etc. (*N.E.D.*)
153	13	gaberdeyn, a loose upper garment of coarse material, a smock-frock. (*N.E.D.*)
156	27	a bering shete, the mantle in which a child was carried to the font, called in W. Somerset a *pame*.
157	11	Beme cloth, *i.e.*, Bohemian. (*Wright's Provincial Dictionary*.)
158	8	growegraine. *N.E.D.* gives grograine as a form of grogram, a coarse fabric of silk of mohair and wool, or of these mixed with silk, often stiffened with gum. 1562 is the earliest reference given in *N.E.D.*
158	9	genetts, a kind of civet cat, a native of Southern Europe, Western Asia, and Africa (*N.E.D.*): foin, an animal of the polecat or weasel kind, the beech-martin. (*N.E.D.*)
162	20	cowrs sheets. This orthography confirms Skeats's statement that our word *coarse* is properly *course*, an adjective formed from the phrase *in course* or *of course* to denote anything ordinary or commonplace. (*N.E.D.* coarse.)
163	11	Bowge. Budge, a kind of fur consisting of lamb's skin with the wool dressed outwards. (*N.E.D.*)
166	30	Wytston. Whitstone, 3½ miles from Exeter.
167	13	W. Creting. Archdeacon of Bath in 1536, and afterwards archdeacon of Wells. (Wells Cathedral MSS., 311.)
167	37	Parsonage of Stanton Drew. This was his in right of his archdeaconry of Bath.
171	33	notice the restoration of the Roodloft in the reign of Mary.
173	30	Wm. Hartgill. Testator together with his son John, was murdered at the instigation of Charles, Lord Stourton.
175	28	Sir Pawle. John Paul received a pension of £5 per annum at the dissolution of Mountry College, Wells. Willis, II, 200. Archbold, p. 160.
176	24	Regalls, a portable musical instrument made like an organ. It is described in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for March, 1767.
179	26	Gerberdeston is in W. Buckland.

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180	25	A. Popham, purchaser of much of the property of Minchin Buckland Priory. "Wyndham, Horner, Popham and Thynne, When the monks popp'd out, they popp'd in."
181	20	tythe garbe, *garb*, a wheatsheaf, garb-tithe 1630, Risdon, *Survey of Devon*, § 42 (1810) 45. "The garb tithes and spiritual profits of the manor." (*N.E.D.*)
181	39	grypis egg, a cup made from the egg of the gripe or vulture, sometimes perhaps from that of the ostrich. (*N.E.D.*)
186	17	Rooks Bridge, in the parish of E. Brent.
188	18	tabelet. Among the articles included in the catalogue of the Corpus Christi shrine at York is "a little tablett of gold, and within ye same an ymage of St. Kateryne of mother of pearl." (Hart's *Eccles. Records*, 2nd Ed., 239.)
190	9	harnys girdle, mounted with silver or other metal. "1478, a harneyste gyrdell," *S.R.S.*, iv, 20.
195	9	welted with velvett. This term signifies the ribbing of any material by the insertion of wadding between it and the lining; it is of the same nature as quilting. (*Dictionary of Needlework by Caulfield and Sawara.*)
195	29	wynescott, wainscot, a fine kind of foreign oak timber, not so liable to cast or rend as the English oak, and working freely under the tool, used in lining the walls of rooms. (*Imperial Dictionary.*)
208	17	truckell bedstead. *Truckle*-bed (sometimes also *Trundle*-bed), a bed that runs on wheels and may be pushed under another bed. (*Imperial Dictionary.*)
211	10	Isenhards. This word is not in *N.E.D.*: *hards* are coarse barley meal.
219	4	drege, a mixture of various kinds of grain. (*N.E.D.*)
219	26	Holyroode day. September 14th, as "Holy Cross Day," it appears in the Anglican Kalendar.

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